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# PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

*For the year ending, March 31st, 1906.*

EDWARD POTTS, Chairman.
C. N. HIGGIN, Vice-Chairman.
CHARLES J. MELLOR, Librarian.

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# BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

## First Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

The Committee beg to present to the Council their first Annual Report for the year ending March 31st, 1906.

Perhaps it will not be out of place, at the commencement, to state, briefly, a few facts shewing that a rate-supported Public Library is as necessary for the mental and moral health of the community, as good sanitary arrangements, water supply, and street lighting, are for the physical health and comfort of the people. As a question of purely social, and absolutely free from party politics, or religious prejudices, the Public Library movement has rapidly risen to importance. Public Libraries are no longer a luxury, for the march of education has made them absolute necessities. They are, in the truest sense, educational institutions. They provide facilities in a way that is provided by no other institution, for the continuing of study after school days are over, and, more than any other institution, they are the best link between leaving school and adult citizenship. It is not simply that the citizens have the privilege of borrowing books, and largely avail themselves of it, but, if they wish for information on any subject, the first step they adopt is to go to the Reference Department of the Public Library. Representatives of every class find their way hither in search of much-needed information, not otherwise easily accessible. The Public Library is the University of the working man, it is open to all classes rich and poor, and is actually used by all classes. It is an educational institution; and education deepens the sense of the duties and privileges of citizenship. The Public Library brings the vast stores of our noble English Literature within the reach of all; it cultivates habits of reading, and reading brightens and makes life more cheerful.

The establishment of a Public Library in the Borough of Eccles is now an accomplished fact, and that Library is already doing some excellent work.

It is generally known that through the generosity of Andrew Carnegie, Esq., who has promised to provide £7,500, the building of a large Central Library will be shortly proceeded with. Pending the erection of that building, the Town Council have rented the Vestry Hall, over the Overseers' Offices, Liverpool Road. This room which is admirably adapted for the purpose, is arranged as a Reading Room, Lending Library, and a small Reference Library.

The Reading Room was declared open to the public, by Mr. Councillor Potts, the Chairman of the Public Libraries Committee, on the 10th of May, 1905. The Lending Library was opened on July 31st, 1905. It is exceedingly gratifying to be able to report that residents from all parts

of the Borough are using the Library in large numbers, as will be seen by the statistics, which accompany this Report.

## STOCK.

The total number of volumes in the Library is 2436 of which 647 were presented, and 1789 purchased. As the number of borrowers is rapidly increasing, it will soon be necessary to considerably augment the number of volumes available, in order to adequately meet the requirements of the borrowers.

## ISSUES.

The total number of books issued from the Library, during the 205 days it has been open, is 14,835 vols., comprising 11,690 from the Lending Department, and 3,145 for Reference. The daily average has steadily increased, from 35 to 128, giving a daily average for the whole period of 72. Out of this total the per centage or fiction is 59·40. Taking into consideration the fact that fiction comprises the chief portion of the recreative reading of busy people, the percentage is by no means excessive, and indeed, is much less than in most libraries. Those who may be disposed to regret the preponderance in the issue of light literature, should bear in mind that books of this description are read very rapidly, and that the same work may be issued to three or four different borrowers during the time that another book, which requires more careful reading, is kept by one reader.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The Reference Department of the Library has been well used, although the number of works of Reference in the Library is small. Much greater success will, undoubtedly, obtain in this department, when a suitable room is provided, which students and others can use when consulting works of Reference, and making extracts therefrom.

## HOW THE BOOKS ARE USED.

The books lent out for home reading, as well as the books issued from the Reference Department, are generally well used. Some borrowers draw attention to any damage which they observe in books they have been reading, and thus greatly assist in the discovery of the perpetrators of such damage. If everybody using the Library would make a point of assisting in this way there is no doubt that the wilful abuse of books would be greatly diminished.

## INDICATOR.

The Indicator has proved a very useful adjunct to the Library, and has been generally accepted by the borrowers as an improvement on the old systems.

## DONATIONS.

A full list of the books presented to the Library during the past year will be found on page 17, for which gifts very sincere thanks are returned. The Committee venture to hope that other ladies and gentlemen, who are interested in the work of the Institution, will be disposed to present books, paintings, engravings, or photographs (especially those of local interest) with the view of forming, as far as possible, a collection worthy of the Library, and of the Borough.

## NEWSROOM.

The number of visitors in the Newsroom is counted at the stroke of every hour, and, it is estimated by this means, that some 38,048 persons have used the Room since it was opened in May of last year ; these figures give an average of 149 visitors daily. It is in the evenings that the Newsroom is full of visitors, diligently perusing the papers, magazines, or books of one kind or another, and it is noticeable that an increasing number of persons use the newspapers for the purpose of answering advertisements. 97 Periodicals and Magazines are regularly furnished, 32 of this number being presented.

## FINES.

The number of Postal Summonses sent to readers who had retained their books beyond the period specified in the rules was 104. As a rule, borrowers are prompt in responding to these notices. Borrowers who are unable to get to the Library on the day on which their book is due to be returned, may avoid fines, by forwarding to the Librarian a post card, requesting the renewal of a book for a further period.

## ADVICE CARDS.

The number of readers who avail themselves of the system of getting books reserved for them, by purchasing, at the Library, the post cards specially printed for the purpose, and leaving them with the Librarian for him to post to them immediately the book they require is available, is not as large as it was expected. The number of post cards sold for this purpose has so far only been 18.

## BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued up to the end of March of this year was 803, and this number is very rapidly increasing. A classification of the addresses, etc., of the borrowers using the Library will be found on page 13, from which it will be seen that persons come to the Library from all parts of the Borough. The occupations of the borrowers reach a total of 151. It would be difficult to mention any occupation or profession which is not included, proving beyond doubt, that all classes avail themselves, in one way or another, of the facilities afforded.

## CATALOGUES.

A Hand-list of the books in the Library was published early in January, and has had a steady sale ; the price of the hand-list is twopence. A further list of additions is at present in the press, and will shortly be on sale ; the price will be one penny. A Dictionary Catalogue (*i.e.*, bringing in one alphabetical arrangement the author, subject, and title of a book) is in preparation.

EDWARD POTTS, Chairman.

C. N. HIGGIN, Vice-Chairman.

CHARLES J. MELLOR, Librarian.

TABLE I.

# No. of Volumes in Stock on March 31st, 1906.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 131 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 85 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 108 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 61 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 129 |
| F. | History and Geography | 275 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 187 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 32 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 109 |
| K. | Prose Fiction | 948 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 34 |
| | | 2099 |

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 2 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 2 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 3 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 11 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 1 |
| F. | History and Geography | 220 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 5 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 6 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 1 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 86 |
| | | 337 |

# TABLE II.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1905 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| August ... ..... | 46 | 38 | 33 | 28 | 13 | 49 | 28 | 5 | 21 | 599 | 12 | 872 | 27 | 32 |
| September ..... | 41 | 26 | 24 | 24 | 16 | 50 | 19 | 4 | 14 | 756 | 11 | 985 | 25 | 35 |
| October ..... | 56 | 31 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 38 | 21 | 3 | 15 | 872 | 13 | 1095 | 26 | 42 |
| November ..... | 46 | 43 | 39 | 26 | 17 | 56 | 35 | 6 | 25 | 982 | 18 | 1293 | 26 | 50 |
| December ..... | 41 | 31 | 31 | 12 | 8 | 44 | 25 | 2 | 22 | 1028 | 14 | 1258 | 24 | 52 |
| 1906 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 51 | 64 | 58 | 38 | 30 | 72 | 27 | 11 | 26 | 1342 | 11 | 1730 | 26 | 67 |
| February..... | 85 | 69 | 62 | 51 | 43 | 90 | 53 | 20 | 34 | 1464 | 26 | 1997 | 24 | 83 |
| March ..... | 112 | 83 | 78 | 46 | 55 | 143 | 57 | 30 | 42 | 1769 | 45 | 2460 | 27 | 91 |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | .. | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total ..... | 458 | 385 | 358 | 241 | 199 | 542 | 265 | 81 | 199 | 8812 | 150 | 11690 | 205 | |

# TABLE III. REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued. And daily average.

| 1905 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature | J Poetry and The Drama. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| August ..... | 3 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 117 | 160 | 27 | 6 |
| September ..... | 13 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 23 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 122 | 200 | 25 | 8 |
| October ..... | 42 | 19 | 12 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 144 | 236 | 26 | 9 |
| November ..... | 17 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 12 | 128 | 202 | 26 | 8 |
| December ..... | 28 | 5 | 7 | 29 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 140 | 215 | 24 | 9 |
| 1906 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 43 | 22 | 32 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 285 | 420 | 26 | 16 |
| February ..... | 58 | 45 | 48 | 35 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 508 | 728 | 24 | 30 |
| March ..... | 58 | 51 | 57 | 58 | 9 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 728 | 984 | 27 | 36 |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Total ..... | 262 | 180 | 176 | 148 | 56 | 55 | 19 | 45 | 32 | 2172 | 3145 | 205 | |

# TABLE IV.

## ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS combined.

| 1905 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religin. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| August ... ..... | 49 | 49 | 42 | 30 | 13 | 58 | 28 | 14 | 21 | 599 | 129 | 1032 | 27 | 35 |
| September ..... | 54 | 41 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 73 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 756 | 133 | 1185 | 25 | 47 |
| October ..... | 78 | 50 | 45 | 17 | 27 | 39 | 22 | 4 | 20 | 872 | 157 | 1331 | 26 | 51 |
| November ..... | 65 | 55 | 48 | 31 | 22 | 61 | 36 | 14 | 37 | 982 | 146 | 1495 | 26 | 57 |
| December ..... | 69 | 36 | 38 | 41 | 10 | 46 | 26 | 2 | 23 | 1028 | 154 | 1473 | 24 | 61 |
| 1906 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 94 | 86 | 90 | 54 | 44 | 73 | 29 | 16 | 26 | 1342 | 296 | 2150 | 26 | 83 |
| February..... | 143 | 114 | 110 | 86 | 54 | 95 | 60 | 23 | 42 | 1464 | 534 | 2725 | 24 | 114 |
| March ..... | 170 | 134 | 135 | 104 | 61 | 152 | 61 | 34 | 48 | 1769 | 773 | 3444 | 27 | 128 |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total ..... | 720 | 565 | 534 | 389 | 255 | 597 | 284 | 126 | 231 | 8812 | 2322 | 14835 | 205 | |

# TABLE V.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Per centage. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Per centage | Total No of Vols. issued. | Per centage of issues to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 458 | 3·91 | 262 | 8·33 | 720 | 4·85 |
| B | 385 | 3·29 | 180 | 5·72 | 565 | 3·80 |
| C | 358 | 3·06 | 176 | 5·59 | 534 | 3 59 |
| D | 241 | 2·06 | 148 | 4·70 | 389 | 2·61 |
| E | 199 | 1·70 | 56 | 1·78 | 255 | 1.71 |
| F | 542 | 4·63 | 55 | 1·74 | 597 | 4·02 |
| G | 265 | 2·26 | 19 | ·60 | 284 | 1 ·91 |
| H | 81 | ·69 | 45 | 1·43 | 126 | ·84 |
| J | 199 | 1·70 | 32 | 1·01 | 231 | 1·55 |
| K | 8812 | 75·29 | ... | ... | 8812 | 59·40 |
| L | 150 | 1·20 | 2172 | 69·15 | 2322 | 15.65 |
| | 11690 | | 3145 | | 14835 | |

# TABLE VI.

## Shewing Occupations of Borrowers

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accountants | 4 | Fitters | 9 | Packers | 2 |
| Agents | 2 | Florist | 1 | Painters | 8 |
| Apprentices | 9 | Foreman | 1 | Park Attendant | 1 |
| Architect | 1 | Furnaceman | 1 | Pattern-card Maker | 1 |
| Baker | 1 | Furniture Designer | 1 | Pavior | 1 |
| Blacksmith | 1 | Gentlemen's Outfitter | 1 | Pawnbroker | 1 |
| Bleachers | 5 | Glass Dealers | 2 | Photographer | 1 |
| Bookkeeper | 1 | Grocers | 10 | Plumber | 4 |
| Boot Dealer | 1 | Groom | 1 | Police Constable | 1 |
| Boot Makers | 4 | Hairdressers | 2 | Polisher | 1 |
| Brass Finisher | 1 | Hatter | 1 | Postmen | 3 |
| Builders' Merchant | 1 | Hawkers | 2 | Postal Clerks | 2 |
| Building Contractor | 1 | Hosier | 1 | Potatoe Salesman | 1 |
| Butchers | 3 | House Furnishers | 3 | Printers | 2 |
| Buyer | 1 | House-keeper | 5 | Pupil Teachers | 16 |
| Cabinet Maker | 1 | Hydraulic Engineer | 1 | Railway Foreman | 1 |
| Calico Finisher | 1 | Ironmonger | 1 | Railway Inspector | 1 |
| Canvasser | 1 | Iron Turners | 2 | Railway Porter | 1 |
| Caretaker | 1 | Insurance Agents | 10 | Rate Collector | 1 |
| Carters | 3 | Jeweller | 1 | Reporter | 1 |
| Cashiers | 3 | Joiners | 12 | Rubber Spreader | 1 |
| Cattle Dealers | 2 | Journalist | 1 | Sailors | 2 |
| Chemists | 2 | Labourers | 3 | Salesmen | 5 |
| Clerks | 119 | Lady's Help | 1 | Sanitary Inspector | 1 |
| Clogger | 1 | Librarians | 2 | Scholars | 22 |
| Coal Agents | 3 | Lithographer | 1 | School Attendance Officer | 1 |
| Coal Merchant | 1 | Loom Overlooker | 1 | Schoolmasters | 6 |
| Commercial Travel'rs | 11 | Machine Tenter | 1 | Schoolmistresses | 32 |
| Compositors | 2 | Machinists | 6 | Secretaries | 5 |
| Confectioners | 9 | Managers | 4 | Sewing Machinist | 1 |
| Cork Sorter | 1 | Manufacturer | 1 | Ships Stewards | 2 |
| Dentist | 1 | Mason | 1 | Shoemakers | 3 |
| Domestic Servants | 7 | Mechanics | 3 | Shop Assistants | 5 |
| Drapers | 12 | Medical Practitioners | 2 | Shopkeepers | 6 |
| Draughtsmen | 3 | Merchant | 1 | Shorthand Teacher | 1 |
| Dressmakers | 3 | Milk Dealers | 3 | Smallware Dealer | 1 |
| Driller | 1 | Miller | 1 | Solicitor | 1 |
| Driver | 1 | Milliners | 5 | Spindle & Fly Manfr. | 1 |
| Electricians | 4 | Millwright | 1 | Stenographers | 2 |
| Engineers | 16 | Motor Mechanic | 1 | Stock-broker | 1 |
| Engine Drivers | 2 | Moulder | 1 | Storekeeper | 1 |
| Errand Boys | 4 | Musicians | 2 | Striker | 1 |
| Evangelist | 1 | Newsagent | 1 | Students | 13 |
| Farrier | 1 | Nurses | 3 | Surveyors | 4 |
| Firemen | 3 | Oilcloth Salesman | 1 | | |

## Occupation of Borrowers, continued.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Telegraph Messeng'r | 1 | Undergraduate ... | 1 | Window Cleaner ... | 1 |
| Telegraphists ... | 5 | Upholsterer ... | 1 | Wine Merchant .. | 1 |
| Telephone Operator. | 1 | Warehousemen ... | 8 | Yarn Agent ... | 1 |
| Timber Salesman ... | 1 | Watchmaker ... | 1 | Persons giving no occupation | 228 |
| Tramway Conductor | 1 | Weaver .. | 1 | | |
| Tunic Maker ... | 1 | Wheelwright ... | 1 | | |
| Typist ... ... | 7 | Winders ... ... | 3 | Total ... | 803 |

## Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward ... ... | 209 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward ... .. .. ... ... | 190 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 81 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward ... ... ... .. | 174 |
| South-West or Barton Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 68 |
| West or Winton Ward ... ... ... ... ... ... | 81 |
| | 803 |

# TABLE VII.

## An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Catalogues. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books | Total Receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1905 | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| July | ... | 0 3 7 | ... | 0 0 3 | ... | 0 3 10 |
| August | 0 1 0 | 0 14 0 | ... | 0 6 0 | 0 0 1 | 1 1 1 |
| September | 0 4 0 | 0 7 7 | ... | 0 5 5 | ... | 0 17 0 |
| October | 0 6 6 | 0 6 5 | ... | 0 1 0 | 0 0 2 | 0 14 1 |
| November | 0 8 6 | 0 5 11 | .. | 0 0 8 | 0 0 3 | 0 15 4 |
| December | 0 10 3 | 0 3 3 | ... | 0 0 7 | 0 0 2 | 0 14 3 |
| 1906 | | | | | | |
| January | 0 11 10 | 0 5 8 | 1 9 8 | 0 12 1 | 0 0 3 | 2 19 6 |
| February | 0 7 6 | 0 8 10 | 0 12 10 | 1 8 0 | ... | 2 17 2 |
| March | 0 9 4 | 0 7 8 | 0 7 8 | 0 5 3 | 0 0 7 | 1 10 6 |
| Total | 2 18 11 | 3 12 11 | 2 10 2 | 2 19 3 | 0 1 6 | 11 12 9 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented ... ... ... ... ... ... | 647 |
| Volumes purchased ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1789 |
| Volumes in stock ... .. . ... ... ... | 2436 |
| Total number of issues ... ... ... ... ... | 14835 |
| Average daily issues ... ... ... ... ... | 72 |
| Number of borrowers enrolled ... ... ... ... | 803 |
| Tickets cancelled ... ... ... ... ... ... | 5 |
| Number of tickets in force ... ... ... ... ... | 798 |
| Overdue books written for ... .. ... ... .. | 104 |
| Books lost ... ... ... .. ... . ... | 1 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1905) ... ... ... ... | 37000 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £156661 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... | £586 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted... ... ... ... | 1905 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. Potts, | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... | July 31st, 1905 |

# Donors of Books, Pamphlets, &c. to the Public Library, Year Ending, 31st March, 1906.

| | | Vols. |
|---|---|---|
| Accountants and Auditors, Society of. | Year Book ... ... ... | 1 |
| Mrs. Atkey. | Self and Sex Series ... | 9 |
| Messrs. T. B. Brown, Ltd. | Advertisers A.B.C Directory | 1 |
| Durham University. | Calendar, 1905-6 ... | 1 |
| Mr. J. Hardman. | Barnes on the New Test'mt | 11 |
| Mr. Councillor Higgin. | Complete Works of Wm. Shakespeare and Citizens' Atlas ... ... ... | 11 |
| H.M. Stationery Office. | Chronicles and Memorials of Gt. Britain and Ireland | 205 |
| Mr. Samuel Hooley. | National Gazetter of Gt. Britain & Ireland . . | 12 |
| Mr. Councillor Hurrell. | Measured drawings of old oak English Furniture | 1 |
| Mr. Knight. | 13 Vols. of Dumas Works | 13 |
| Messrs. C. & E. Layton. | Handy Newspaper List ... | 1 |
| Mr. Alderman Mellor, J.P. | 71 Vols. of 'English men of action' and 'English men of letters' series ... ... | 71 |
| Mr. C. J. Mellor. | Scientific Works .. ... | 10 |
| National Temperance League. | Temperance Record, and the N.T.L.'s annuals ... | 3 |
| Mr. Neave, Sec. to the Education Committee. | Reports of the Education Committee ... ... | 2 |
| Mr. E. Parkes. | Set of Scott's Novels ... | 25 |
| Mr. Councillor Parkinson. | Set of Harrison Ainsworth's Novels ... .. ... | 20 |
| Mr. T. S. Picton, Borough Surveyor. | Report of the Borough Surveyor, 1902-5 ... ... | 1 |
| Mr. Councillor Potts. | Complete works of Thomas Carlyle ... ... | 30 |
| Miss Rawson. | Historical record of the Corporation of Manchester ... | 1 |
| Religious Tract Society. | Publications of the R.T.S. . | 13 |
| Mr. Alderman Schofield, J.P. | Complete works of Charles Dickens ... ... | 20 |
| Swedenborg Society. | Works of Swedenborg ... | 60 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Mr. Alderman Wilkinson, J.P. | Bancroft's history of the United States ... ... | 125 |
| | Expositor's Bible, 48 vols. | |
| | Freeman's Historical essays | |
| | McCarthy's history of our own time... ... ... | |
| | Morley's Life of Gladstone | |
| | Works of John Ruskin, &c. | |
| | | 647 |

## NEWSROOM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Blackpool Corporation. | Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times |
| Mr. Holker. | Motor and Motor Cycle. |
| Mr. H. L. Pritchard. | Autocar, Cycling, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated. |
| Rhyl Corporation. | Rhyl Record and Advertiser. |

The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee - The Co-operative Record.

The publishers of the following papers :

| | |
|---|---|
| Alliance News. | English Churchman. |
| Animal's Friend. | Musical Herald. |
| Christian. | Patents. |
| Church Family Newspaper. | Practical Engineer. |
| Church Missionary Gleaner. | School Guardian. |
| Civil Service Candidate. | State Correspondent. |
| Civil Service Hints. | Temperance Record |
| Civil Service Weekly. | Textile Recorder. |
| Education. | Zoophilist. |

## Railway Time Tables.

| | |
|---|---|
| Caledonian. | Great Northern. |
| Cheshire Lines. | Lancashire and Yorkshire. |
| Furness Railway. | London, Brighton & South Coast. |
| Glasgow & South Western. | London & North Western. |
| Great Central. | Midland. |

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

# The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room :

## DAILY.

Daily Dispatch.
,, Graphic.
Liverpool Post.
London Daily News.
,, ,, Telegraph.
,. ,, Times.
Manchester Courier.
,, Guardian.
,, Evening Chronicle.
,, ,, News.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News.
Athenaeum.
*Autocar.
*Blackpool Herald.
* ,, Times.
Boy's Own Paper.
Broad Arrow.
Building News.
*Christian.
Chums.
*Church Family Newspaper.
*Civil Service Candidate.
* ,, ,, Gazette.
* ,, ,, Hints.
* ,, ,, Weekly.
Clarion.
*Co-operative News.
Cotton Factory Times.
*Cycling.
Eccles Advertiser.
,, Journal.
,, Telegraph.
*Education.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
*English Churchman.
,, Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart.
Gardening.
Girl's Own Paper.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Labour Leader.
,, News.
Ladies' Pictorial.
*Local Government Journal.
M.A.P.
Madame.
Manchester City News.
*Motor.
*Motor Car Journal.
* ,, Cycle.
* ,, News.
*Motoring Illustrated.
New Penny Magazine.
Outlook.
*Pendleton Reporter.
Penny Pictorial.
Photographic News.
*Practical Engineer.
Publishers' Circular.
Punch.
Queen.
*School Guardian.
Speaker.
Spectator.
T.P's Weekly.
*Textile Mercury.
Tit-Bits.

## MONTHLY.

*Animal's Friend.
Army List.
Bradshaw's Guide.
C. B. Fry's Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Century Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Fortnightly Review.
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
Literary World.
London Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
Our Own Magazine.
*Musical Herald.
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
*Rhyl Recorder.
*State Correspondent.
Strand Magazine.
*Temperance Record.
*Textile Recorder.
Wide World Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
*Zoophilist.

*Presented.

## DIRECTORIES.

Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool.
Kelly's Lancashire.
Slater's Manchester, Salford, and suburban.
Slater's Prestwich, Eccles, Patricroft, &c

# RULES AND REGULATIONS.

## GENERAL.

1.—The Eccles Public Libraries are established as a society for the purpose of literature and science exclusively. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Libraries, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books and for all the property belonging thereto.

2.—The Libraries are supported in part by a rate levied in accordance with the Public Libraries Acts, and in part by annual voluntary contributions of money, and gifts of books and periodicals. The Libraries Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto, or between, any of its members.

3.—No charge for admission shall be made. Persons are admitted to the Libraries and Reading Rooms on condition that they use the same for the purpose of reading, and that they conduct themselves quietly and properly, and are cleanly in person and apparel. Being in the Libraries or Reading Rooms in a state of intoxication, using the same for idling, sleeping, eating, or conversation, smoking, spitting, striking matches, or for purposes other than reading, are specific breaches of this regulation, and the Officers are authorized and required to remove any persons so misconducting themselves, or using the Libraries and Reading Rooms in any other than a legitimate manner. Dogs are not allowed on the premises.

4.—No person shall be permitted to pass within the reserved enclosures of the Libraries.

5.—The Librarian shall have power to suspend the use of the ticket of any borrower, and refuse books, or deny the use of the Reading Rooms to any reader who shall neglect to comply with any of these rules and regulations, such reader having the right of appeal to the Public Libraries Committee, who shall also decide all other disputes between readers and the library officials.

6.—Readers desirous of proposing books for addition to the Libraries, may do so by entering, on slips, kept for the purpose, the titles and particulars of publication of such books, which will be regularly submitted to the Committee.

7.—Any person who unlawfully or maliciously destroys or damages any book, map, print, manuscript, or other article belonging to the Libraries, shall be liable to prosecution for misdemeanour under the provisions of 24 and 25 Vict., c. 97. *An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland relating to malicious injury to property*, 1861. The provisions of the statute entitled 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries* 1898, shall also apply.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

8.—The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Saturday, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but shall be closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

9.—All persons who appear on the current Roll of Electors of the Borough may borrow books on their own responsibility, after filling up an application for a borrower's ticket on a form provided for the purpose.

10.—Other residents, above the age of fourteen years, may borrow books, but must first obtain a guarantee from a duly-qualified person, as defined in Rule 9, and must sign an application for a borrower's ticket, on forms to be provided.

11.—The Application and Guarantee Form, duly signed, must be delivered to the Librarian, and if, on examination, it is found correct, the borrower's ticket will be issued on the day following, but will only be delivered to the borrower in person.

12.—The Committee shall issue additional tickets to readers, available for all classes of literature save Fiction. Any duly-enrolled borrower may have one of these extra tickets on filling up an application form as for an ordinary ticket.

12a.—Any person residing outside the Borough may obtain a borrower's ticket on payment of a subscription as follows: Residing in a dwelling-house rated at a sum (*a*) not exceeding £20 a year, 2/6 a year; (*b*) exceeding £20 and not exceeding £40 a year, 5/- a year; (*c*) exceeding £40 a year, 10/- a year. Each application must be accompanied by a guarantor's form, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations 10.

13.—All tickets and vouchers must be renewed annually; each ticket and voucher being reckoned available for one year from date of issue. On application for a book the ticket must be presented as no book will be issued without.

14.—A Guarantor may terminate his responsibility by giving one calendar month's notice, in writing, to the Librarian, and at the expiration of such notice, and upon the delivery to the Librarian of the borrower's ticket, all further liability under the guarantee shall cease.

15.—Change of residence of borrowers, or their guarantors, must be intimated to the Librarian within fourteen days of such change, under penalty of the forfeiture of the borrower's ticket.

16. Before applying for a book, borrowers must first consult the Indicator, and ascertain that the book wanted is in the Library. Books cannot be exchanged more than once in the same day. No borrower shall lend or transfer a book to any person. The officers are empowered to refuse books to messengers considered unfit to take proper care of them.

17.—The borrower must return each volume lent within fifteen days, including days of issue and return, and shall be liable to a fine of one penny

per week, or portion of a week, for each volume lent, if not returned within that period, but the issue of a book may be renewed for a further period of fifteen days, dating from the day of intimation, on notice being given to the Librarian, either personally or in writing, and no further renewal will be allowed if the book is required by another reader. Books, which are much in demand, may, however, be refused such renewal, at the discretion of the Librarian.

18.—The officers will examine every book returned, and, if found to have sustained any damage or injury, they shall require the borrower, or his, or her, guarantor, to pay for the damage done, or to replace the book or set of books to which it may belong.

19.—Borrowers who are unable to obtain a particular book, and desire that it shall be retained for them on its return, must give its title, number, etc., to the assistant, and pay 1d. to cover cost of posting an intimation that it is available for issue, but no book will be kept longer than the time mentioned in the notice.

20.—Borrowers are required to keep the books clean. They are not to turn down or stain the leaves, nor to make pencil or other marks on them. They must take the earliest opportunity of reporting any damage, or injury, done to the books they receive, otherwise they will be held responslble for the value of the same.

21.—If any borrower shall not return to the Libraries any book lent, or shall refuse, or neglect, to pay on demand any fines, costs, or damages incurred under these Rules and Regulations, then the value of such book, and such fines, costs, or damages, shall be recoverable by the Borough Council, by an action-at-law against the borrower, or his guarantor, or against both of them, together with the costs or expenses of such action-at-law.

22.—If an infectious disease breaks out in any house containing books belonging tc the Libraries, such books are not to be returned to the Libraries, but must be handed over to the Medical Officer of Health, or any sanitary officer acting on his behalf. Until such infected house is declared free from disease by the Medical Officer of Health, no books will be issued from the Libraries to any person residing therein.

23.—Borrowers leaving the district, or ceasing to use the Library, are required to return their tickets to the Librarian in order to have them cancelled ; otherwise they and their guarantors will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

24.—This Department shall be open the same hours as the Lending Department.

25.—No person shall be allowed to consult any book without signing a "Reader's Form," which may be obtained on application, and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to the Rules and Regulations of the Libraries. Any work in the Lending Department,

except works of fiction, may be obtained for use in the Reference Library, but on no account must such books be taken away from the room.

26.—No reader shall be allowed to trace any plate or engraving, and in making extracts from books, or copies of plates and engravings, special care must be observed in the use of ink, pencils, etc., so that the works may in no way be injured.

27.—Children under 14 years of age will not be admitted to this department.

## READING ROOMS.

28.—The Reading Rooms shall be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

29.—No person under 14 years of age, unless accompanied by their parents or elders, shall be allowed to use these rooms.

30.—Any persons who use these rooms for the purpose of betting, or who in any way cause obstruction or disorder in these or any other rooms or passages of the Libraries, are liable to be proceeded against under the provisions of 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries*, 1898.

31.—No Newspaper or Magazine shall be retained longer than 10 minutes after it has been inquired for by another reader.

By Order of the Borough Council,

CHAS. J. MELLOR, Borough Librarian.

BOGG & SONS, PRINTERS, ECCLES.

# Borough of Eccles.

## SECOND

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

*For the year ending, March 31st, 1907.*

THOMAS GRINDLE, CHAIRMAN.
C. N. HIGGIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
CHARLES J. MELLOR, LIBRARIAN.

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## COMMITTEE, 1905-6.

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Vice-Chairman - Councillor HIGGIN.
The MAYOR (Ald. SCHOFIELD, J.P.)
Alderman SPARY, J.P.
Councillor GRINDLE.
,, HALLSWORTH.
,, HURRELL.
,, NUTTALL, J.P.
,, PARKINSON.

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## COMMITTEE, 1906-7.

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## "BOOKS" SUB-COMMITTEE.

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Councillor FORBES.
,, HIGGIN.

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CHAS. J. MELLOR, Librarian.

# BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

## Second Annual Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

The Committee have great pleasure in submitting to the Council their Second Annual Report, for the year ending March 31st, 1907.

The result of the first complete year's working of a Public Library in the Borough is exceedingly gratifying, shewing, as it does, that the progress reported last year has not only been maintained, but has greatly increased in every department of the Library.

The first Report presented by this Committee only covered a period of eight months' actual working, whereas the present Report extends over a period of twelve months. It will therefore be seen that a comparison cannot be made between the two periods. At the same time it will be noticed that the year has been a busy one, and that the greatly increased use which is being made of the Library taxes the present accomodation to its utmost capacity.

The Committee is of opinion that the success attained is a matter which ought to give the greatest satisfaction to the Council, and that it shows how important a part the Public Libraries play in the life of the community.

### STOCK.

The total number of volumes now in the Library is 3275, the Lending Department containing 2662, and the Reference Department 613, being an increase of 839 volumes for the year, of which 525 were purchased, and 314 presented.

Great attention has been given to the condition of the books; during the year 120 volumes have been repaired, and 597 volumes have been lettered and numbered by the staff.

## ISSUES.

The Lending Library has been opened on 298 days during the year. The total number of volumes issued during that period is 44,069, comprising 29,828 from the Lending Department, and 14,241 from the Reference Department. The daily average is still steadily increasing and has risen from 128, the highest monthly figure during 1905-6, to 172 the highest monthly figure during 1906-7, giving a daily average for the whole year of 148. The highest issue recorded for one day is 320 on March 23rd, 1907. The total issue of books since the Library was opened on July 31st, 1905, is 58,904 volumes. This result is highly satisfactory; it is also noteworthy that the percentage of fiction is only 44·33 of the total issue, as compared with 59·40 last year, this shows that the issues have been of a higher and more general class of reading.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

This Department has again been well used. A good Reference Library is not only the backbone of a Public Library, but it is also that by which its worth and utility are best known and tested. It is at the same time the most important side of the educational work of a Library. The Committee would point out, however, that save in very exceptional cases, anything like a complete collection of the necessary books is to be acquired only by years of careful attention and gradual accumulation.

## LOCAL COLLECTION.

It is hardly necessary to emphasize the very great importance of every Public Library forming a collection of *local books* and other printed matter. The collection should contain :—

(1) Every book, pamphlet, or manuscript referring to the town, or district.

(2) Every print, drawing, map, plan, or other similar publication relating to the district ; or original copy of such.

(3) Every book or pamphlet printed locally.

(4) Books by authors who are natives of the town and district, and biographical notices and portraits.

(5) Newspapers or magazines or other serials produced in the district.

(6) Photographs of every notable building, street, person or event in the district.

(7) All local records, or copies of them, such as registers, minutes, and MS., or printed records of the local authorities.

It is not the desire of the Committee that the local collection should be fostered at the expense of the general work of the Library, but rather to trust to the personal generosity of ladies and gentlemen and the friendly co-operation of the local photographic societies, to make gifts to this section. The question of preserving all local records, etc. is a very important matter; such records should be accessible to the public, under proper safeguards, and the Public Library is undoubtedly the best centre in which to store and exhibit them.

## DONATIONS.

The donations received during the year again include many valuable and important volumes, a full list will be found on page 22. The Committee tender their hearty thanks to the donors for their gifts, and hope the Library will benefit by many similar donations during the next twelve months. Intending donors will hardly need to be informed that the approaching opening of the new building is a very opportune time for the reception of further donations.

## READING ROOM.

The Reading Room is well attended throughout the greater part of each day, not only by persons who desire recreative reading, but also by students, and others, in search of information. Judging from its present popularity, this room will soon be too small.

There were 60.564 aggregate attendances (counted hourly) during the year, giving a daily average of 203, as compared with a daily average of 149 last year. The Newspapers and Periodicals have been supplied regularly throughout the year. A complete list of them is given in the in the information at the end of this report.

## FINES.

Overdue books are written for once a week, and, on the whole, readers are prompt in responding to the notices. The number of notices sent out during the year was 559.

## BESPOKEN BOOKS.

66 Borrowers have availed themselves of the system of reserving

books in special demand. On payment of one penny per volume, they receive a post-card when the books which they wish to take out are available.

## BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued during the year is 400, making a total of 1,203 issued since July 1905 ; 156 have been cancelled, leaving a total of 1,047 tickets in actual use. This number is very rapidly increasing. A list of the borrowers' occupations, together with the districts in which they live, will be found on page 18 and 19.

## CATALOGUE.

A Card Catatogue has been compiled, and is now available for public use. In a Public Library where the stock of books is being constantly added to, the Card Catalogue is essential, as additions can be made to it at any time, and at any place, thus keeping it constantly up-to-date. The books are entered in the Catalogue under the three headings of title, author, and the subject, all arranged in one alphabetical sequence, which can be as readily consulted as an ordinary dictionary.

The great merit of a Catalogue of this description is that a reference to it immediately supplies most of the required information about any book in the Library, without any preliminary study of the Catalogue and its arrangement being necessary. It is considered to be the most satisfactory kind of Catalogue for a popular library.

The Card Catalogue is intended to answer all of the following questions :—

What books are contained in the Library by——— ?

What books have you on——— ?

Have you a book called——— ?

Have you a book on———in "English Men of Letters" series ?

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES' BILL, 1906.

This Bill has been promoted by the Council of the Library Association, who confidently anticipate that facilities will be obtained to afford it a successful passage through Parliament. It was read for the first time on March 4th, 1907.

The Bill seeks to amend those Sections of the Public Libraries' Acts

(England, Scotland, and Ireland) which relate to the amount of the rate to be levied for carrying out the provisions of the Acts.

In consequence of the extension of public educational institutions—elementary, technical, and secondary,—the demands upon Public Libraries have not only increased, but altered in character, and funds are necessary to meet these demands.

The limit of one penny in the pound for library purposes, imposed by the Act of 1855, still remains, but about thirty library districts have, one after the other, sought and obtained for themselves, by special legislation, the abolition of that limit.

The Bill would give each district power to decide for itself what amount should be spent on its libraries, without the expense of a local Act being incurred.

The Bill also proposes to exempt Public Libraries, and other buildings provided under the Public Libraries Acts, from local rates. These buildings are already, in many places, exempted from rating, but it is considered desirable that the position should be made more clear.

The Bill further provides that any Library Authority may expend such sums of money as they may deem fit, out of the library rate, for the purpose of lectures or exhibits.

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The Librarian attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Bradford, from the 3rd to the 7th September, 1906, and submitted a special Report of the proceedings.

## OPEN ACCESS.

As the question of allowing borrowers direct access to the shelves in the Library had been under consideration by the Committee, the Librarian submitted the following report on the question, based chiefly on the reports of Librarians who have actually tried and still work the system.

"Among the numerous schemes which have been introduced for improving the administration of Public Libraries, and increasing their popularity and usefulness, perhaps none has caused so much discussion, and excited so much interest, as the system of allowing readers to have

direct access to the books as they stand on the shelves of Public Lending and Reference Libraries. This has been variously called "Open Access," "Free Access," and "Open Shelves," but in each case the same thing is meant, namely, the recognition of the public right, under certain necessary regulations or safeguards, to examine and compare books before choosing them for home-reading.

The Open Access which is allowed in colleges, subscription, and other libraries, differs in many essential points from that which obtains in the safe-guarded Public Libraries, which was first introduced in 1894. The safe-guarded method is based upon a full recognition of certain difficulties and dangers which may result from the admission of hundreds of people to the book shelves of Public Libraries.

First among these is the danger of theft. An analysis of some of the most famous cases of theft from college, municipal, public, and other libraries, reveals the fact that out of thousands of readers, the actual delinquents are generally found to be a few stray individuals. Furthermore, a considerable proportion of the so-called thefts from such libraries have resulted from inefficient registration and oversight. Thefts occur in libraries of all kinds, whether Open Access of not, and do not affect the matter of the public honesty in the slightest degree. In safe-guarded Open Access Libraries, where care is taken to qualify temptation by means of regulating barriers and careful registration, combined with a fair measure of unobtrusive oversight, such thefts are of the most trifling description. In ten safeguarded Open Access Libraries, where such obvious precautions are taken, the average annual losses are only three volumes, a small enough tax considering the enormous advantage to the public of direct access to well-arranged and selected libraries.

The second danger, in connection with the admission of hundreds of readers to an orderly array of book shelves, is the likelihood of extensive misplacement, and the mixing of books all over the library. In libraries without any provision being made to distinguish books from each other, the likelihood of misplacement is not only possible, but certain. On the other hand, in safeguarded Open Access Libraries, where the books are all closely and exactly classified by subjects, and so marked by means of distinctive labels as to clearly distinguish class from class, subject from subject, book from book, misplacements are not only comparatively rare, but readily detected and set right when they do occur. Misplacement is only a mechanical difficulty, which is easily overcome by simple mechanical means,

and the most effective of these has been found to be a series of coloured labels fixed on the backs of the books, which not only show up misplacements instantly, but enable borrowers to keep order themselves almost mechanically. In every safeguarded Open Access Library, where such classification and distinctive markings have been applied, the comparatively few misplacements made by hundreds of readers who use the library in the course of a day, can be rectified by the staff in a very short time.

The third danger which has been pointed out is that of serious extra wear and tear of the books due to increased handling. Actual experience has proved that this is not to be feared. Seven Open Access Libraries with an average experience of three years each, report that no extra wear and tear has been noticed. Where books do suffer is in the homes of careless borrowers, and this no system of library administration will overcome.

The main object held in view by advocates of Open Access is the extension of the usefulness of Public Libraries and books by enhancing their educational value in a practical and satisfactory manner. They recognise that nothing is more misleading than the title of the average book, and that, to condemn the public, who are the real owners of Municipal Libraries, to make a choice of books through the medium of catalogues or lists of such titles, is to establish a kind of rate-aided lottery, which may serve well enough for the ordinary novel reader, but is a positive hindrance to the serious student. To secure the end in view, methods of exact classification have been introduced, by means of which it is possible to display to readers in one place the books possessed by the library on any specific subject. The educational advantage of this is obvious, readers being enabled to choose the books which suits their purpose best by a simple and necessary process of comparison. Access to properly classified libraries is an education in itself, not only improving the public knowledge of literature, but teaching readers the value of books as tools applicable to the everyday usages of life. Not only does Open Access train readers in the proper use of a library, but in a short time enables them to use the collection exactly as if it were their own."

After very carefully considering the question, the Committee decided that arrangements be made for the adoption of the "Open Access" system at the new Carnegie Public Library.

# NEW CARNEGIE LIBRARY.

An important event in the history of the Public Library movement in the Borough occurred on September 29th, 1906, the occasion being the laying of a Corner Stone of the Carnegie Public Library, by the Mayor (Alderman J. Schofield, J.P.). The erection of the building has proceeded rapidly, and if nothing unforseen occurs, it is anticipated that the building will be ready for occupation within the specified time, *i.e.*, towards the end of the present year.

The new library is now so far advanced that its arrangement can be readily traced. In the centre of the main front is a large arched doorway, with Ionic columns on each side, supporting a bold pediment. This doorway will lead into the entrance lobby, measuring fifteen feet by ten feet, and from thence passing through swing doors the main hall is reached. This hall is the important feature of the building and measures sixty-five feet long by forty-two feet wide and is thirty-eight feet from the floor to the crown of the barrel vault forming the roof. It will contain the lending department, and at the end nearest Liverpool Road, a screen will divide it from the general reading room, whilst the projecting octagon bay will form the magazine room. On the other side of the hall are ranges of arches and beyond these at the back will be the bookstore, whilst at the front, on either side of the entrance lobby, are rooms for the Librarian and staff—so arranged that their occupants can properly supervise the main hall.

A staircase at the front leads to the first floor, containing a reference library, a room for rare books, a room for the Library Committee, and a gallery for the storage of books.

In the basement is a large heating cellar, fuel cellar, and store room.

The style of Architecture chosen is a modern rendering of Sixteenth Century English Renaissance and the materials used are granite for the base, bright red bricks for walls, with the dressings in grey terra cotta—richly modelled. The roofs will be covered with small green slates.

Inside, the walls will be plastered, and there will be a fair amount of ornament in that material—whilst the woodwork and fittings will be in mahogany and the windows filled with plate and leaded glass. Heating will be by hot water.

The work is being well carried out by Messrs. J. T. Hollingworth and Son, of Patricroft, from the plans and under the supervision of Messrs. Potts, Son & Hennings, Architects, of Manchester.

THOMAS GRINDLE, CHAIRMAN.
C. N. HIGGIN, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
CHARLES J. MELLOR, LIBRARIAN.

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TABLE I.

# No. of Volumes in Stock on March 31st, 1907.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 196 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 94 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 110 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 99 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 242 |
| F. | History and Geography | 372 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 237 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 63 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 151 |
| K. | Prose Fiction | 994 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 104 |
| | | 2662 |

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 11 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 105 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 3 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 29 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 8 |
| F. | History and Geography | 248 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 38 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 15 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 1 |
| L. | Miscellaneus | 155 |
| | | 613 |

# TABLE II.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1906 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 70 | 75 | 58 | 42 | 39 | 116 | 34 | 26 | 33 | 1409 | 28 | 1930 | 22 | 88 |
| May | 87 | 70 | 66 | 51 | 46 | 135 | 57 | 51 | 39 | 1591 | 51 | 2244 | 27 | 83 |
| June | 54 | 76 | 73 | 45 | 43 | 109 | 47 | 30 | 62 | 1329 | 39 | 1907 | 22 | 87 |
| July | 105 | 98 | 74 | 65 | 63 | 172 | 65 | 47 | 60 | 1411 | 56 | 2216 | 26 | 85 |
| August | 93 | 106 | 96 | 69 | 70 | 204 | 76 | 45 | 62 | 1422 | 70 | 2313 | 26 | 89 |
| September | 119 | 116 | 106 | 80 | 81 | 216 | 68 | 39 | 68 | 1539 | 61 | 2493 | 24 | 104 |
| October | 148 | 146 | 105 | 68 | 111 | 268 | 71 | 60 | 88 | 1687 | 73 | 2825 | 27 | 105 |
| November | 128 | 146 | 115 | 74 | 102 | 263 | 65 | 47 | 60 | 1794 | 62 | 2856 | 26 | 110 |
| December | 129 | 114 | 87 | 67 | 56 | 207 | 62 | 43 | 59 | 1697 | 45 | 2566 | 24 | 107 |
| 1907 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 127 | 100 | 90 | 67 | 77 | 226 | 70 | 55 | 70 | 1833 | 64 | 2779 | 26 | 107 |
| February | 134 | 145 | 83 | 62 | 95 | 237 | 69 | 44 | 62 | 1869 | 61 | 2861 | 24 | 119 |
| March | 149 | 85 | 84 | 61 | 72 | 213 | 57 | 48 | 49 | 1957 | 63 | 2838 | 24 | 118 |
| Total | 1343 | 1277 | 1037 | 751 | 855 | 2366 | 741 | 535 | 712 | 19538 | 673 | 29828 | 298 | 100 |

# TABLE III.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued. And daily average.

| 1906 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature | J Poetry and The Drama. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 91 | 74 | 55 | 34 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 24 | 1 | 720 | 1009 | 22 | 46 |
| May | 150 | 106 | 55 | 18 | 9 | 37 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 1015 | 1446 | 27 | 54 |
| June | 81 | 131 | 12 | 18 | 13 | 16 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 707 | 1025 | 22 | 47 |
| July | 91 | 90 | 62 | 17 | 47 | 17 | 29 | 7 | 4 | 818 | 1242 | 26 | 48 |
| August | 89 | 44 | 30 | 19 | 15 | 68 | 5 | 24 | 3 | 675 | 972 | 26 | 37 |
| September | 53 | 38 | 12 | 23 | 31 | 29 | 10 | 13 | 22 | 723 | 957 | 24 | 40 |
| October | 40 | 51 | 37 | 20 | 11 | 51 | 30 | 13 | 12 | 984 | 1279 | 27 | 47 |
| November | 56 | 59 | 46 | 36 | 28 | 84 | 14 | 10 | 0 | 986 | 1319 | 26 | 51 |
| December | 36 | 37 | 25 | 21 | 15 | 69 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 920 | 1159 | 24 | 48 |
| 1907 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 38 | 30 | 46 | 35 | 41 | 34 | 25 | 25 | 6 | 1030 | 1310 | 26 | 50 |
| February | 48 | 55 | 30 | 36 | 27 | 44 | 7 | 23 | 5 | 954 | 1229 | 24 | 51 |
| March | 55 | 40 | 35 | 38 | 23 | 27 | 18 | 7 | 5 | 1046 | 1294 | 24 | 54 |
| Total | 828 | 755 | 475 | 375 | 297 | 508 | 160 | 178 | 87 | 10578 | 14241 | 298 | 48 |

# TABLE IV.

## ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

| 1906 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 161 | 149 | 113 | 76 | 43 | 118 | 38 | 50 | 34 | 1409 | 748 | 2939 | 22 | 134 |
| May | 237 | 176 | 121 | 99 | 55 | 172 | 59 | 66 | 48 | 1591 | 1066 | 3690 | 27 | 137 |
| June | 135 | 207 | 115 | 63 | 56 | 125 | 52 | 39 | 65 | 1329 | 746 | 2932 | 22 | 133 |
| July | 196 | 188 | 136 | 112 | 110 | 219 | 94 | 54 | 64 | 1411 | 874 | 3458 | 26 | 133 |
| August | 182 | 150 | 126 | 88 | 85 | 272 | 81 | 69 | 65 | 1422 | 745 | 3285 | 26 | 127 |
| September | 172 | 154 | 118 | 103 | 115 | 245 | 78 | 52 | 90 | 1539 | 784 | 3450 | 24 | 144 |
| October | 188 | 197 | 142 | 88 | 152 | 319 | 101 | 73 | 100 | 1687 | 1057 | 4104 | 27 | 152 |
| November | 184 | 205 | 161 | 110 | 130 | 347 | 79 | 57 | 60 | 1794 | 1048 | 4175 | 26 | 161 |
| December | 165 | 151 | 112 | 88 | 71 | 276 | 73 | 51 | 76 | 1697 | 965 | 3725 | 24 | 155 |
| 1907 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 165 | 130 | 136 | 102 | 118 | 260 | 95 | 80 | 76 | 1833 | 1094 | 4089 | 26 | 157 |
| February | 182 | 200 | 113 | 98 | 122 | 281 | 76 | 67 | 67 | 1869 | 1015 | 4090 | 24 | 170 |
| March | 204 | 125 | 119 | 99 | 95 | 240 | 75 | 55 | 54 | 1957 | 1109 | 4132 | 24 | 172 |
| Total | 2171 | 2032 | 1512 | 1126 | 1152 | 2874 | 901 | 713 | 799 | 19538 | 11251 | 44069 | 298 | 148 |

# TABLE V.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Per centage. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Per centage | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Per centage of issues to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1343 | 4·50 | 828 | 5·81 | 2171 | 4·92 |
| B | 1277 | 4·28 | 755 | 5·30 | 2032 | 4·61 |
| C | 1037 | 3·47 | 475 | 3·33 | 1512 | 3·43 |
| D | 751 | 2·51 | 375 | 2·63 | 1126 | 2·55 |
| E | 855 | 2·86 | 297 | 2·08 | 1152 | 2·61 |
| F | 2366 | 7·93 | 508 | 3·49 | 2874 | 6·52 |
| G | 741 | 2·48 | 160 | 1·12 | 901 | 2·04 |
| H | 535 | 1·79 | 178 | 1·24 | 713 | 1·61 |
| J | 712 | 2·38 | 87 | 0·61 | 799 | 1·81 |
| K | 19538 | 65·22 | ... | ... | 19538 | 44·33 |
| L | 673 | 2·25 | 10578 | 74·27 | 11251 | 25.53 |
| | 29828 | | 14241 | | 44069 | |

# TABLE VI.

## Shewing Occupations of Borrowers.

| | |
|---|---|
| Accountants | 8 |
| Agents | 8 |
| Apprentices | 8 |
| Architects | 3 |
| Blacksmiths | 3 |
| Bleacher | 1 |
| Booking Clerks | 2 |
| Bookkeepers | 3 |
| Bookseller | 1 |
| Boot Dealer | 1 |
| Boot Makers | 8 |
| Brass Finisher | 1 |
| Building Contractors | 3 |
| Butchers | 3 |
| Buyers | 3 |
| Cabinet Maker | 1 |
| Canvassers | 3 |
| Caretaker | 1 |
| Carters | 3 |
| Casement Maker | 1 |
| Cashiers | 2 |
| Cattle Dealers | 2 |
| Chemists | 2 |
| Clerks | 145 |
| Clerks in Holy Orders | 4 |
| Clogger | 1 |
| Coal Agents | 6 |
| Commercial Travel'rs | 14 |
| Compositors | 3 |
| Confectioners | 12 |
| Contractor | 1 |
| Corn Merchant | 1 |
| Dispenser | 1 |
| Domestic Servants | 9 |
| Drapers | 16 |
| Draughtsmen | 4 |
| Dressmakers | 7 |
| Driller | 2 |
| Driver | 1 |
| Electricians | 5 |
| Engineers | 27 |
| Engine Drivers | 3 |
| Errand Boys | 5 |
| Evangelist | 1 |
| Farrier | 1 |
| Fireman | 1 |
| Fitters | 13 |
| Foremen | 2 |
| Furnaceman | 1 |
| Furniture Designer | 1 |
| Furniture Salesman | 1 |
| Gardener | 1 |
| Gate Attendant | 1 |
| Gentlemen's Outfitter | 1 |
| Glass Dealers | 2 |
| Grocers | 10 |
| Hairdressers | 2 |
| Hatter | 1 |
| Hosier | 1 |
| House Furnishers | 3 |
| House-keepers | 5 |
| Hydraulic Engineer | 1 |
| Ironmonger | 1 |
| Iron Turners | 4 |
| Insurance Agents | 10 |
| Jeweller | 1 |
| Joiners | 13 |
| Journalists | 4 |
| Labourers | 8 |
| Lady's Help | 1 |
| Librarians | 2 |
| Lithographer | 1 |
| Loom Overlooker | 1 |
| Machine Operator | 1 |
| Machine Tenter | 1 |
| Machinists | 7 |
| Managers | 3 |
| Mason | 1 |
| Mechanic | 1 |
| Medical Practitioners | 5 |
| Merchants | 2 |
| Meter Inspectors | 2 |
| Milk Dealers | 4 |
| Mill Manager | 1 |
| Miller | 1 |
| Milliners | 6 |
| Millwright | 1 |
| Motor Mechanic | 1 |
| Moulders | 4 |
| Musicians | 3 |
| Nurses | 4 |
| Oilcloth Salesman | 1 |
| Packer | 1 |
| Painters | 10 |
| Park Attendant | 1 |
| Pattern-card Maker | 1 |
| Pavior | 1 |
| Pawnbrokers | 2 |
| Photographers | 3 |
| Picture Framer | 1 |
| Plaiters | 2 |
| Plumbers | 6 |
| Police Constables | 3 |
| Polisher | 1 |
| Postmen | 3 |
| Postal Clerks | 5 |
| Potatoe Salesman | 1 |
| Printers | 6 |
| Provision Inspector | 1 |
| Publican | 1 |
| Pupil Teachers | 26 |
| Railway Official | 1 |
| Railway Servant | 1 |
| Rate Collector | 1 |
| Rubber Spreader | 1 |
| Sailor | 1 |
| Salesmen | 20 |
| Sanitary Inspectors | 2 |
| Scholars | 19 |
| School Attendance Officers | 2 |
| Schoolmasters | 10 |
| Schoolmistresses | 50 |
| Science Lecturer | 1 |
| Secretaries | 4 |
| Sewing Machinist | 1 |
| Sheet Metal Worker | 1 |
| Ships Stewards | 2 |
| Shoemaker | 1 |
| Shop Assistants | 9 |
| Shopkeepers | 7 |
| Slate Merchant | 1 |
| Slater | 1 |
| Smallware Dealers | 2 |

## Occupation of Borrowers, continued.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Solicitors... ... | 2 | Telegraph Messeng'rs | 3 | Warehousemen ... | 12 |
| Spinner ... ... | 1 | Telegraphists ... ... | 4 | Watchmakers ... | 2 |
| Stamper ... ... | 1 | Telephone Operator.... | 1 | Weavers ... | 3 |
| Stationers ... ... | 2 | Timekeepers ... ... | 2 | Wheelwright ... | 1 |
| Stenographer ... | 1 | Tinsmith ... ... | 1 | Winders ... | 3 |
| Stock-broker ... | 1 | Toolmaker ... ... | 1 | Window Cleaner ... | 1 |
| Storekeepers ... | 2 | Tramway Conductor .. | 1 | Wine Merchant ... | 1 |
| Stretcher ... ... | 1 | Tunic Maker ... ... | 1 | Yarn Agent ... | 1 |
| Students ... ... | 11 | Typists ... ... | 13 | Persons giving no occupation | 251 |
| Surveyors ... | 3 | Undergraduate ... | 1 | | |
| Tailors ... ... | 9 | Upholsterer ... ... | 1 | | |
| Telegraph Inspector | 1 | Waitresses ... ... | 2 | Total | 1047 |

## Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward ... ... ... | 253 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 248 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 152 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward ... ... ... ... | 205 |
| South-West or Barton Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 106 |
| West or Winton Ward ... ... ... ... ... ... | 83 |
| | 1047 |

# TABLE VII.

## An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. 1906 | Fines. £ s. d. | Borrowers' Cards. £ s. d. | Catalogues. £ s. d. | Old Papers. £ s. d. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. £ s. d. | Total Receipts. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 0 15 11 | 0 1 8 | 0 2 8 | 0 0 6 | 0 0 6 | 1 1 3 |
| May | 0 13 11 | 0 2 7 | 0 7 2 | 0 0 3 | 0 0 9 | 1 4 8 |
| June | 0 14 5 | 0 1 3 | 0 3 10 | 0 3 6 | 0 0 3 | 1 3 3 |
| July | 0 8 9 | 0 2 7 | 0 6 0 | 0 0 9 | 0 0 5 | 0 18 6 |
| August | 0 13 6 | 0 7 3 | 0 4 8 | 0 1 4 | 0 0 5 | 1 7 2 |
| September | 0 8 9 | 0 7 6 | 0 5 1 | 0 1 4 | 0 0 6 | 1 3 2 |
| October | 0 15 4 | 0 5 7 | 0 4 1 | 0 0 4 | 0 0 9 | 1 6 1 |
| November | 0 8 8 | 0 4 1 | 0 1 7 | 0 1 10 | 0 0 4 | 0 16 6 |
| December | 0 8 8 | 0 2 11 | 0 1 1 | 0 11 6 | 0 0 2 | 1 4 4 |
| 1907 | | | | | | |
| January | 0 14 11 | 0 3 8 | 0 1 10 | 1 9 9 | 0 0 7 | 2 10 9 |
| February | 0 9 7 | 0 4 7 | 0 1 11 | 0 13 7 | 0 0 5 | 1 10 1 |
| March | 0 10 8 | 0 3 0 | 0 1 0 | 0 1 1 | 0 0 5 | 0 16 2 |
| Total | 7 3 1 | 2 6 8 | 2 0 11 | 3 5 9 | 0 5 6 | 15 1 11 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented . . ... ... ... ... ... | 314 |
| Volumes purchased ... ... ... ... ... ... | 525 |
| Volumes in stock ... .. . ... ... ... | 3275 |
| Total number of issues ... ... ... ... ... | 44069 |
| Average daily issues ... ... ... .. ... | 148 |
| Number of borrowers enrolled ... ... ... ... | 400 |
| Tickets cancelled ... ... ... ... ... ... | 156 |
| Number of tickets in force ... ... ... ... ... | 1047 |
| Overdue books written for ... .. ... ... ... | 559 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1906) ... ... ... ... | 38500 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £166086 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... | £591 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted... ... ... ... | 1905 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. Potts, | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... | July 31st, 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield)... | Sept. 29th, 1906 |

# Donors of Books, Pamphlets, &c. to the Public Library, Year Ending, 31st March, 1907.

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| | |
|---|---|
| Accountants and Auditors, Society of... | Year Book, 1907. |
| Birchall, Mr. W. J., Barton. ... | Thomas Wileshaw Theological Class. |
| Bogg, Mr. N., Eccles. ... ... | Adventures of Christopher Tadpole : by A. Smith. |
| | Autocrat at the Breakfast Table : by O. W. Holmes. |
| | Bird Miscellanies : by J, Rennie. |
| | The Clockmaker : by Sam Slick. |
| | History of Tom Jones : by H. Fielding. |
| | Lancashire Worthies : by Espinasse. |
| | Last Days of Pompeii : by Lord Lytton. |
| | Life of Longfellow : by E. Robertson. |
| | On Liberty : by J. S. Mill. |
| | Roderick Random : by Tobias Smollett. |
| | Willis, the Pilot. |
| | Works of R. Burns. |
| Church Association. ... ... | Active Service. |
| | Anecdotes on the Shorter Catechism by Whitecross. |
| | Calvinism Popularised : by Long. |
| | Church and the Franchise : by Lamb. |
| | Confession of Faith : by Smith. |
| | Consoling Thoughts : by Brewster. |
| | Converted Family, The : by Robinson. |
| | Elector, King, and Priest, The : by Lamb. |
| | Englishman's Bible, The : by Boyes. |
| | Girdle of Truth : by Brewster. |
| | Glimpse of the Great Secret Society, A |
| | Guide to Ecclesiastical Law : by Miller. |
| | History of the Reformation : by Burnett. |
| | Hugh Stowell : by Bullock. |
| | Kept for the Master's Use : by Havergal. |
| | Lectures in St. Ann's, Manchester. 2 vols |
| | Liturgical Right and Wrong : by Archdale. |
| | Lord Ebury as a Church Reformer : by Bligh. |
| | Memorial of the Reformation : by Bennett. |
| | Manual of the Lord's Supper : by Blakeney. |

Church Association (*continued*). ... Manual of Worship and Ritual : by Litton.
Numbers in Scripture : by Bullinger.
Pamphlets.
Parish Council's Guide : by Mothersole.
Prayer Book, Articles, and Homilies : by Tomlinson.
Pope, the Kings, and the People : by Arthur.
Practical Discourses concerning Death : by Sherlock.
Protestantism of the Prayer Book : by Hague.
Public Worship Regulation Act, 1874 : by Brooke.
Satan, of Scripture.
Secret History of the Oxford Movement : by Walsh.
Sermons : by Vogan.
Some of Life's Gleanings : by Wing.
Specific Unbelief : by Lamb.
Tracts. 6 vols.
Transformers : by Aylmer.

Cremer, Rev. F. D., Eccles. ... History of America : by W. Robertson. 4 vols.
History of Charles v. : ,, 4 vols.
History of India ,, 1 vol.
History of Scotland ,, 2 vols.
Life of James Fraser, Bp. : by T. Hughes.
The Aged Poor : by C. Booth.
Theological Works : by R. Leighton. 3 vols.

Duff, Mr. J. Eccles. ... ... Africa and America described.
Asia described.
Dog Fiend : by Captain Marryat.
Elementa Latina : by W. H. Morris.
Epochs of English History. 2 vols.
Europe described.
Giraffe-hunters : by Captain M. Reid.
Grammar of the English Language.
Japhet in search of a father : by Captain Marryat.
Many Inventions : by R. Kipling.
Martin Chuzzlewit : by C. Dickens.
Mr. Blake, of Newmarket : by E. H. Cooper.
Olla Podrida : by Captain Marryat.

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|---|---|
| Duff, Mr. J. Eccles (*continued*). ... | Pecularities of American Cities : by W. Glazier. |
| | Present Evolution of Man : by G. A. Reid. |
| | Scripture Manuals : 5 vols. |
| | Strength, and how to obtain it : by E. Sandow. |
| | Student's Note Book of English History : by J. Spry. |
| | Valerie : by Captain Marryat. |
| Eccles Corporation. ... ... | Report of the Education Committee. |
| | Report of the Medical Officer of Health. |
| | Abstract of Accounts, 1906. |
| | Report of the Borough Surveyor. |
| Fleetwood Urban District Council. . | Official Guide to Fleetwood. |
| Great Yarmouth, Town Clerk of. ... | Offiicial Guide to Great Yarmouth. |
| H.M. Stationery Office. ... ... | 63rd Annual Report of the Registrar |
| Johnson, Miss M., Eccles. ... | Barnet Book of Photography. |
| Layton, Messrs. C. & E., London. . | Handy Newspaper List. |
| | Insurance Register. |
| Library Reports. ... ... ... | Blackburn, Bolton, Brighton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Chorley, Derby, Douglas, Eastbourne, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Kendal .Leigh, Maidstone, Nottingham, Runcorn, St. Helens, Salford, Stockport, Warrington, Wigan. |
| Nanson, Mrs. W. E., Eccles. ... | Forty Miles round Manchester : by Aikin |
| Norris, Mr. N., Eccles. ... ... | Three Framed Pictures. |
| Paton, Messrs. J. & J., London. ... | Paton's List of Schools, 1906-7. |
| Potts, Mr. E., Eccles. ... ... | Citizen of To-morrow : by Keble. |
| Rawson, Mrs. Harry & daughters, Eccles. | Annals of Manchester : by W. E. A. Axon. |
| | Byegone Manchester : by R. W. Proctor. |
| | Glasgow : its Municipal Organisations and Administration. |
| | Historical Essays : by T. F. Tout. |
| | History and description of Thirlmere Water Scheme. |
| | Home Trade of Manchester : by R. Spencer. |
| | Library Construction ; by J. Burgoyne. |
| | Manchester Faces and Places. 12 vols. |
| | Manchester Municipal Code. 6 vols. |
| | Manchester Public Free Libraries : by W. R. Credland. |
| | Manchester Public Free Libraries : Inauguration and Jubilee. |
| | Manchester Quarter Sessions, 1616-1625. |
| | Manchester Waterworks : by J. F. L. T. Bateman. |

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|---|---|
| | Memorials of Manchester Streets: by R. W. Proctor. |
| | Owen's College: its foundation and growth. |
| | Proceedings of the second Library Conference. |
| | Reminiscences of Manchester Fifty Years Ago. |
| Roper, Mr., Patricroft. ... ... | Life of Thomas Gainsborough: by Lord Gower. |
| Smithsonian Institution, Washington, U.S.A. | Reports of the Smithsonian Institution, 1887, 1891, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1904. 9 vols. |
| Swindells, Mr. T. (author), Monton.... | Manchester Streets and Manchester Men. 2 copies. |
| Whitelow, Mr. E. T., Manchester.... | Proceedings of the Institute of Civil Engineers, 1880-1905. 100 vols. |
| Wilkinson, Alderman, J. F., Eccles. ... | Complete Works of Lord Macaulay. 10 vols. |
| | Encyclopædia Brittanica. 35 vols. |
| | From Midshipman to Field Marshall: by Sir E. Wood. 2 vols. |
| | H.R.H. Duke of Cambridge: by E. Sheppard. 2 vols. |
| | History of Our Own Time: by J. McCarthy. 7 vols. |
| | Industrial History of England: by H. de B. Gibbins. 2 vols. |
| | Short History of the English People: by J. R. Green. 4 vols. |
| | True Story of George Eliot: by W. Mottram. |

## NEWSROOM.

| | |
|---|---|
| Blackpool Corporation. | Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times |
| Mr. Holker. | Motor and Motor Cycle. |
| Mr. H. L. Pritchard. | Autocar, Cycling, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated. |
| Rhyl Corporation. | Rhyl Record and Advertiser. |
| The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. | The Co-operative Record. |
| Alderman J. F. Wilkinson. | Nation. |

The publishers of the following papers :

Alliance News.
Animal's Friend.
Christian.
Church Family Newspaper.
Church Missionary Gleaner.
Civil Service Candidate.
Civil Service Hints.
Civil Service Weekly.
Education.
English Churchman.
Literary Guide.
Musical Herald.
Patents.
Practical Engineer.
School Guardian.
State Correspondent.
Temperance Record
Textile Recorder.
Tuberculosis.
Zoophilist.

## Railway Time Tables.

Caledonian.
Cheshire Lines.
Furness Railway.
Glasgow & South Western.
Great Central.
Great Northern.
Great Western.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London, Brighton & South Coast.
London & North Western.
Midland.

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

## The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room :

**DAILY.**

Daily Dispatch.
,, Graphic.
Liverpool Post.
London Daily News.
,, ,, Telegraph.
,, ,, Times.
,, ,, Tribune.
Manchester Courier.
,, Guardian.
,, Evening Chronicle.
,, ,, News.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News.
Athenaeum.
*Autocar.
*Blackpool Herald.
* ,, Times.
Boy's Own Paper.
Building News.
*Christian.
Chums.
*Church Family Newspaper.
*Civil Service Candidate.
* ,, ,, Gazette.
* ,, ,, Hints.
* ,, ,, Weekly.
Clarion.
*Co-operative News.
Cotton Factory Times.
*Cycling.
Eccles Advertiser.
,, Journal.
,, Telegraph.
*Education.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
*English Churchman.
,, Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart.
Gardening.
Girl's Own Paper.
Graphic.
Illustrated London News.
Labour Leader.
,, News.
Ladies' Pictorial.
*Local Government Journal.
M.A.P.
Madame.
Manchester City News.
*Motor.
*Motor Car Journal.
* ,, Cycle.
* ,, News.
*Motoring Illustrated.
*Nation.
New Penny Magazine.
Outlook.
*Pendleton Reporter.
Penny Pictorial.
Photographic News.
*Practical Engineer.
Publishers' Circular.
Punch.
Queen.
*School Guardian.
Spectator.
T.P's Weekly.
*Textile Mercury.
Tit-Bits.

## MONTHLY.

*Animal's Friend.
Army List.
Bradshaw's Guide.
C. B. Fry's Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
Fortnightly Review.
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
Literary World.
London Magazine.
Nineteenth Century.
Our Own Magazine.
*Musical Herald.

Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents.
Pearson's Magazine.
Quiver.
Review of Reviews.
*Rhyl Recorder.
*State Correspondent
Strand Magazine.
*Temperance Record.
*Textile Recorder
Wide World Magazin.e
Windsor Magazine.
*Zoophilist.
*Presented.

## DIRECTORIES.

Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool.
Kelly's Lancashire.
Paton's List of Schools
Slater's Manchester, Salford, and suburban.
Slater's Prestwich, Eccles, Patricroft, &c.

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2.—The Libraries are supported in part by a rate levied in accordance with the Public Libraries Acts, and in part by annual voluntary contributions of money, and gifts of books and periodicals. The Libraries Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto, or between, any of its members.

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4.—No person shall be permitted to pass within the reserved enclosures of the Libraries.

5.—The Librarian shall have power to suspend the use of the ticket of any borrower, and refuse books, or deny the use of the Reading Rooms to any reader who shall neglect to comply with any of these rules and regulations, such reader having the right of appeal to the Public Libraries Committee, who shall also decide all other disputes between readers and the library officials.

6.—Readers desirous of proposing books for addition to the Libraries, may do so by entering, on slips, kept for the purpose, the titles and particulars of publication of such books, which will be regularly submitted to the Committee.

7.—Any person who unlawfully or maliciously destroys or damages any book, map, print, manuscript, or other article belonging to the Libraries, shall be liable to prosecution for misdemeanour under the provisions of 24 and 25 Vict., c. 97. *An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland relating to malicious injury to property*, 1861. The provisions of the statute entitled 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries* 1898, shall also apply.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

8.—The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Saturday, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but shall be closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

9.—All persons who appear on the current Roll of Electors of the Borough may borrow books on their own responsibility, after filling up an application for a borrower's ticket on a form provided for the purpose.

10.—Other residents above the age of fourteen years may borrow books, but must first obtain a guarantee from a duly-qualified person, as defined in Rule 9, and must sign an application for a borrower's ticket, on forms to be provided.

11.—The Application and Guarantee Form, duly signed, must be delivered to the Librarian, and if, on examination, it is found correct, the borrower's ticket will be issued on the day following, but will only be delivered to the borrower in person.

12.—The Committee shall issue additional tickets to readers, available for all classes of literature save Fiction. Any duly-enrolled borrower may have one of these extra tickets on filling up an application form as for an ordinary ticket.

12a.—Any person residing outside the Borough may obtain a borrower's ticket on payment of a subscription as follows: Residing in a dwelling-house rated at a sum (*a*) not exceeding £20 a year, 2/6 a year; (*b*) exceeding £20 and not exceeding £40 a year, 5/- a year; (*c*) exceeding £40 a year, 10/- a year. Each application must be accompanied by a guarantor's form, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations 10.

13.—All tickets and vouchers must be renewed annually; each ticket and voucher being reckoned available for one year from date of issue. On application for a book the ticket must be presented as no book will be issued without.

14.—A Guarantor may terminate his responsibility by giving one calendar month's notice, in writing, to the Librarian, and at the expiration of such notice, and upon the delivery to the Librarian of the borrower's ticket, all further liability under the guarantee shall cease.

15.—Change of residence of borrowers, or their guarantors, must be intimated to the Librarian within fourteen days of such change, under penalty of the forfeiture of the borrower's ticket.

16. Before applying for a book, borrowers must first consult the Indicator, and ascertain that the book wanted is in the Library. Books cannot be exchanged more than once in the same day. No borrower shall lend or transfer a book to any person. The officers are empowered to refuse books to messengers considered unfit to take proper care of them.

17.—The borrower must return each volume lent within fifteen days, including days of issue and return, and shall be liable to a fine of one penny

per week, or portion of a week, for each volume lent, if not returned within that period, but the issue of a book may be renewed for a further period of fifteen days, dating from the day of intimation, on notice being given to the Librarian, either personally or in writing, and no further renewal will be allowed if the book is required by another reader. Books, which are much in demand, may, however, be refused such renewal, at the discretion of the Librarian.

18.—The officers will examine every book returned, and, if found to have sustained any damage or injury, they shall require the borrower, or his, or her, guarantor, to pay for the damage done, or to replace the book or set of books to which it may belong.

19.—Borrowers who are unable to obtain a particular book, and desire that it shall be retained for them on its return, must give its title, number, etc., to the assistant, and pay 1d. to cover cost of posting an intimation that it is available for issue, but no book will be kept longer than the time mentioned in the notice.

20.—Borrowers are required to keep the books clean. They are not to turn down or stain the leaves, nor to make pencil or other marks on them. They must take the earliest opportunity of reporting any damage, or injury, done to the books they receive, otherwise they will be held responsible for the value of the same.

21.—If any borrower shall not return to the Libraries any book lent, or shall refuse, or neglect, to pay on demand any fines, costs, or damages incurred under these Rules and Regulations, then the value of such book, and such fines, costs, or damages, shall be recoverable by the Borough Council, by an action-at-law against the borrower, or his guarantor, or against both of them, together with the costs or expenses of such action-at-law.

22.—If an infectious disease breaks out in any house containing books belonging tc the Libraries, such books are not to be returned to the Libraries, but must be handed over to the Medical Officer of Health, or any sanitary officer acting on his behalf. Until such infected house is declared free from disease by the Medical Officer of Health, no books will be issued from the Libraries to any person residing therein.

23.—Borrowers leaving the district, or ceasing to use the Library, are required to return their tickets to the Librarian in order to have them cancelled ; otherwise they and their guarantors will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

24.—This Department shall be open the same hours as the Lending Department.

25.—No person shall be allowed to consult any book without signing a "Reader's Form," which may be obtained on application, and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to the Rules and Regulations of the Libraries. Any work in the Lending Department,

except works of fiction, may be obtained for use in the Reference Library, but on no account must such books be taken away from the room.

26.—No reader shall be allowed to trace any plate or engraving, and in making extracts from books, or copies of plates and engravings, special care must be observed in the use of ink, pencils, etc., so that the works may in no way be injured.

27.—Children under 14 years of age will not be admitted to this department.

## READING ROOMS.

28.—The Reading Rooms shall be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

29.—No person under 14 years of age, unless accompanied by their parents or elders, shall be allowed to use these rooms.

30.—Any persons who use these rooms for the purpose of betting, or who in any way cause obstruction or disorder in these or any other rooms or passages of the Libraries, are liable to be proceeded against under the provisions of 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries*, 1898.

31.—No Newspaper or Magazine shall be retained longer than 10 minutes after it has been inquired for by another reader.

By Order of the Borough Council,

CHAS. J. MELLOR, Borough Librarian.

# BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

THIRD

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, MARCH 31ST, 1908.

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EDWARD HALLSWORTH, VICE-CHAIRMAN.
CHARLES J. MELLOR, LIBRARIAN.

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# BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

## Third Annual Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

Tho Committee have great pleasure in submitting to the Council their third Annual Report for the year ending the 31st March, 1908.

The past year has been the most eventful one in the history of the Public Library movement in the Borough. The Library is now housed in a permanent home of its own.

The opening of the Carnegie Public Library on the 19th October, 1907, by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P., was an event upon which the Borough may heartily congratulate itself. And, the Committee desire to place on record its warmest thanks to all who have in any way contributed towards providing so valuable an asset for the Borough.

Many persons, interested in the Library movement, from all parts of the country, have visited the Library, and everyone has been highly complimentary in their appreciation of the arrangements of the various departments, and, also architecturally, the building has been lauded by all who have seen it.

The Lending Department is arranged on what is known technically, as the "Safeguarded Open Access" system, whereby properly accredited borrowers are allowed direct access to the shelves, and so have the opportunity of examining the books before selecting a volume to take away with them. Many expressions of approval of this system have been received from the public. The Committee hopes that the privilege will be taken advantage of, and that the effect will be to stimulate an interest in all classes of literature.

### RE-ORGANIZATION.

The adoption by the Committee of the "Safeguarded Open Access" system necessitated the entire re-organization of the whole Library. This work involved a considerable amount of labour, and, to obviate as much inconvenience to borrowers as possible, most of the re-arrangement,

classification, re-cataloguing, labelling, and numbering of the books, was carried out without closing the Library.

The Lending Department, at the Vestry Hall, was closed on the 5th October, 1907. Stock-taking completed, everything was ready for removal to the New Library, but owing to the delay in the delivery of the shelving, the removal of the books was impossible on the date originally fixed, and the Lending Department was not re-opened until the 7th November, 1907.

The Reading Room at the Vestry Hall was closed on the 18th October, 1907, and opened at the New Library the following day.

## STOCK.

The total number of books in the Library is 4,241 volumes, as compared with 3,275 volumes at the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of 966 volumes Of this total 3,401 volumes are in the Lending Department.

The work of examining the condition of the books in the Library is constantly going on. During the year 250 volumes have been repaired, 34 volumes have been re-bound and re-stitched, and 1,066 volumes have been lettered and numbered. These repairs have been done by the staff.

## ISSUES.

During the year under review the Lending Library has been opened on 277 days as against 298 in the previous year. The total number of books issued during that period (277 days) is 43,510 as compared with the issue during 1906-7 (298 days) of 44,241.

The daily average issue again shows a further increase, having risen from 172 to 196, giving a daily average for the whole period of 157, as against 148. The total number of books issued since the Library was opened on July 31st, 1905, is 102,514.

A very noticeable feature in the issuing of the books since the "Open Access" system was adopted, is the fact that borrowers, very rarely, if ever, go away without having found a book suitable to their tastes, and it may be taken for granted that every book borrowed from the Library, is read before being returned. All the serious obstacles to intelligent book selection are removed by the "Open Access" system, which also tends to form a much more independent and well informed reader.

After four months practical experience in the working of the "Open Access" system, it has been found that any fears that may have been

entertained as to the success of the system, have been entirely groundless. Borrowers very soon understand the arrangement of the books on the shelves, and after one or two visits, go straight to the shelves containing the books in which they are interested.

## BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued during the year is 836, and 112 tickets have been cancelled, leaving a total of 1,771 tickets now in actual use, as compared with 1,047 last year.

A list of the borrowers' occupations, together with the districts in which they live, will be found on page 24. A glance through the list of occupations, proves beyond doubt, that all classes of the community avail themselves, in one way or another, of the facilities afforded. It will also be readily seen that persons come to the Library from all parts of the Borough.

## FINES.

Overdue books are written for once a week. and, on the whole, borrowers are prompt in responding to the notices requesting the return of the books and the payment of fines. The number of notices sent out during the year was 634.

Though there is an increase of over £2 in the fines collected for retaining books beyond the specified period, this increase is not due to readers having become more dilatory in returning their books, but to the fact that the number of Borrowers has been steadily increasing.

## BESPOKEN BOOKS.

A considerable number of books in special demand have again been bespoken by readers. On payment of one penny per volume, to cover the cost of postage, a notice is sent to the borrower when the book is available, the total number being 69.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The use made of this Department has been well maintained throughout the year. The total number of volumes consulted is 15,550, a daily average of 60, compared with a total issue of 14,241, and a daily average of 48 last year.

The provision of a separate room for Students has been greatly appreciated, and is much used.

The Committee feel that this department will require many more books to make it of the utmost use to students in the town; these books they will provide as their income permits.

## READING ROOM.

The attendance in the Reading Room has increased considerably with the opening of the new building. The average daily attendance in the New Library is 348 as compared with an average daily attendance of 118 in the Reading Room at the Vestry Hall.

There have been 79,083 aggregate attendances (counted hourly) during the year.

The Newspapers and Periodicals have been supplied regularly throughout the year. A complete list of them is given in the information at the end of this report.

The Directories and Time Tables are now to be found in the Reading Room, and these have been added too very considerably during the year, are in almost constant use, and are of very great service to the public.

The receipts from the sale of old papers amount to £5 1s. 3d., an increase of £1 15s. 6d. on last year.

## CATALOGUE.

In addition to the Card Catalogue giving the names of books under the author, subject, or title, M.S. classified catalogues have been compiled. These catalogues have given great satisfaction to the persons using both the Lending and Reference Libraries, as it enables them to see at a glance what books the Library contains on any particular subject. The catalogues are kept constantly up to date, as additions can be inserted at any place.

It is proposed at an early date to consider the question of printing a general Classified Catalogue of the Library.

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The Librarian attended a Conference in London between Publishers and Library Authorities on the question of Discount terms in respect of books published at nett prices, and the Close Time for selling Books, with a view to obtaining preferential terms for Libraries, and presented a report on the proceedings. This matter is still engaging the attention of the Council of the Library Association, and it is hoped that some special terms will be granted to such large buyers as Library Authorities.

The Librarian also attended the Annual Conference of the Library Association, held at Glasgow, and his report of the proceedings was adopted by the Council, and printed in the Minutes.

## DONATIONS.

Among the donations to the Library during the year, which the Committee gratefully acknowledge, must be especially mentioned the handsome gift from Messrs. Nasmyth, Wilson & Co., of £50 for the purchase of books, and from Mrs. A. Gardner, £5; A. C. Russell, Esq., three guineas; F. Halsall, Esq., one guinea, for the same object. Edward Potts, Esq., J.P., has presented six very valuable pictures, namely, five etchings by Haig:—

1.—Bridge of Pampluna.
2.—Burgos Cathedral.
3.—St. Zena Verona (interior.)
4.—Landscape (Canterbury Cathedral.)
5.—Madeleine Troyes (interior.)

and engraving:—Hemicycle of Art and Literature (after Paul Delaroche.)

Several portraits have been presented by W. H. Bayliss, Esq.; H. F. Parkinson, Esq.; and Councillor Farnie, J.P.

The Library is indebted to many friends for donations of many valuable and important books, particulars of which have been reported to the Council, and a full list is given below:—

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Countess Eve: by Shorthouse.
Cloister and the hearth: by Reade.
Days of auld lang syne: by Maclaren.
Essays: by J. Addison.
Essays on the greater German poets and writers: by Carlyle.
Fanny Lee's testimony: by Hanson.
Five talents of women: by E. J. Hardy.
Greifenstein: by Crawford.
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History of England: by Macaulay.
Home influences: by Aguilar.
History of the Anti-Corn League: by A. Prent. 2 vols.
Lochinvar: by Crockett.
Log of the "Fortuna": by Lindley:
Master of Ballantrae: by Stevenson.
Mortal antipathy: by Anderson.
Margaret Ogilvy: by Barrie.
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Miscellaneous books. 13 vols.
Ogilvies: by Mrs. Craik.
Outline of English Local Government: by E. Jenks.
Past and present: by T. Carlyle.
Robert Falconer: by Macdonald.
Romola: by Elliot.
River Congo, The: by Sir W. H. Johnston.
Rhyming dictionary: by J. Walker.
Sant 'Ilaro: by Crawford.
Silas Marner: by Eliot.
Self help: by Smiles.
Story of an African farm: by Schreiner.
Strength, and how to obtain it: by Sandow.
Thelma: by Corelli.
Traits and stories of Irish peasantry: by W. Carleton.
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Utopia: by Moore.
Works: by Charles Dickens.
Works: by Sir W. Scott.
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| | Henry Massinger: by Joceleyn. |
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| | Juanita Carrington: by Joceleyn. |
| | Long odds: by Smart. |
| | Legend of Eden: by Lander. |
| | Manco: by Kingston. |
| | Mystery of Orcival: by Gaboriau. |
| | Manual of Education: by Drury. |
| | Mrs. Finch Brassey: by Mrs. Dean. |
| | Marcus Aurelius: by Collier. |
| | Marna's mutiny: by Fraser. |
| | My Lord and My Lady: by Forrester |
| | Man who was good: by Merrick. |
| | Nigel Ferrard: by Robins. |
| | Quentin Durward: by Sir W. Scott. |
| | Robert Hardy's seven days: by Sheldon. |
| | Real Charlotte: by Somerville & Ross. |
| | Shirley: by Bronte. |
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| | Christian singers of Germany: by C. Wentwoth. |
| | Did a hen or an egg exist first?: by H. S. Frieze. |
| | Diseases of the Bible: by Sir. R. Bennett. |
| | Dictionaire Anglias et Francias: by Fleming and Tibbus. |
| | Dante studies and researches: by P. Foynbu. |
| | Divine Comedia of Dante Alighieri: by F. K. H. Haslefoot. |
| | Domestic life in Palestine: by M. Rogers. |

Riley, Mr., Eccles—*continued* ... Essays and Reviews: by E. P. Whipp.
German life in town and country: by W. H. Dawson.
Great pyramid: by J. Taylor.
Giovanni Dupre. by H. S. Frieze.
Gotthold Emphraim Lessing: by T. W. Rolleston.
Histoire de la Litterature Franciase: by G. Lawson.
Hymns and hymn makers: by D. Campbell.
Holiday rambles: by a wife with her husband.
High Alps in winter: by Mrs. Burnaby.
Heinrich Ewald: by W. Davies.
History of the Popes: by L. Renke.
Italian republic: by Dr. Lardner.
Inner life of Syria: by Mrs. R Burton.
Intro. to the study of Dante: by V. Bott.
The Judgement book: by A. Macleod.
Joseph Thompson: by J. B. Thompson.
Konversations Lexion: by Purers.
Life of William Cowper: by T. Wright.
Literature of German Era: by W. Minton.
Life and writings of Vinet: by J. M. Lane.
Life of Las Casas: by A. Helps.
Life of J. Hamilton: by W. Arnot.
Lectures pours Tours, 1899-1900.
Modern Scottish poets: by D. H. Edwards.
Manchester Times Supplement, 1848.
Macmillan's Magazine, 1906-1907.
Manchester Quarterly, 1882-1906.
Monsieur Prevot: by D. Sauvageot.
Outlines of the World's history: by E. Sanderson.
Poets and poetry of the century: by W. H. Dawson.
Platform echoes: by J. B. Gough.
Plain of Troy: by C. Maclaren.
Pilgrimage into Dauphine: by G. M. Musgrave.
Scenery, science and art: by D. T. Anstey.
Sunlight and shadow: by J. B. Gough.
Story of Egypt: by W. B. Worsfold.
Sorrow and song: by H. Curwen.
Town of Cowper: by T. Wright.
This world of ours: by H. O. A. Forster.

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| Riley, Mr., Eccles—*continued* ... | Valley of light: by W. B. Worsfold. |
| | Walks about Jerusalem: by A. H. Bartlett. |
| Rogerson, Miss., Patricroft ... | Actor's wife: by E. Leathes. |
| | Alice: by Lord Lytton. |
| | Bleak House: by C. Dickens. |
| | Christmas books: by C. Dickens. |
| | Elsie at Nantucket: by M. Finley. |
| | How they loved him: by F. Marryat. |
| | Life in a modern monastry: by J. McCabe. |
| | Lazarus in London: by F. W. Rogerson. |
| | Maude Luton: by W. S. Hayward. |
| | Mary Bittleston: by W. Jones. |
| | Poetical works: by R. Burns. |
| | Twice told tales: by N. Hawthorne. |
| Secretary. ... ... ... ... | Royal Commission of Vivisection. |
| Shee, Mr. G. F. ... ... ... | Nation in Arms. |
| Slater, Mr. J., Eccles. ... ... | Catholic History of Eccles & Barton. |
| Swindells, Mr. T., Monton ... ... | Manchester streets and Manchester men. 2 copies. 3rd series. |
| Registrar. ... ... ... ... | Calendar, Trinity College of Music, London. |
| Walmsley, Mrs., Eccles. ... ... | Chamber's information. 2 vols. |
| | Chamber's pictorial history. 6 vols. |
| | Christian spectator, 1851-7. 7 vols. |
| | Cage and singing birds: by H. G. Adams. |
| | Elsie Venner: by O. W. Holmes. |
| | Fifteen decisive battles of the world: by Sir E. Creasy. |
| | For the right: by K. E. Frankos. |
| | Gems of poetry: by C. Mackay. |
| | Harry Lorrequer: by C. Lever. |
| | History of England: by Mrs. Markland. |
| | History of the Reformation: by J. H. Merle D'Aubigne. |
| | In darkest England: by Gen. Booth. |
| | Lancashire: its Puritanism and Nonconformity. |
| | Last of the Barons: by Lord Lytton. |
| | Memoirs of Thomas Chalmers. 2 vols. |
| | Records of the Life of W. H. Havergal: by J. M. Crane. |
| | Rome and the early Christians: by Rev. W. Ware. |
| | Story of the L. M. S.: by Rev. C. S. Horne. |
| | Sheepfold and the common. 2 vols. |
| Watkin Meter Company. ... ... | Manual of photographic exposure. |
| Wilson, Mr. T. J.P., Derby House, Eccles ... ... ... ... | Bible in Spain: by George Borrow. |
| | Lavengro: ,, ,, |
| | Romany Rye: ,, ,, |
| | Wild Wales: ,, ,, |
| | Zincali: ,, ,, |

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| Winser, Mrs., Eccles. ... | ... All the year round. 12 vols.<br>Atlantic monthly.<br>Beauties of the Nile: by Fearnside.<br>Century Magazine.<br>German conversation book: by Otto.<br>Harper's Magazine.<br>Olive: by Craik.<br>Poems: by Longfellow. |
| Guide Books: | Barmouth, Basingstoke, Beckenham, Bournemouth, Carnarvon, Chichester, Christchurch, Clacton, Croydon, Deal, Dorking, Dovercourt, Eastbourne, Exeter, Falmouth, Guernsey, Hawick, Hastings, Ilkey, Inverness, Jersey. Kingston, Leamington, Llandrindod Wells, Lewes, Lymington, Lyndhurst, Malvern, North Berwick, Rhyl, Richmond, Ringwood, Romsay, Salisbury, Skegness, Southend, Southwold, Tenby, Westcliffe, Weymouth, Woodall Spa. |

## NEWSROOM.

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| Blackpool Corporation. | Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times. |
| Bournemouth Corporation. | Bournemouth Visitors' Directory. |
| Brade, Mr. J. B. | Unionist Gazette. |
| Cook, Messrs. T. & Sons. | Travellers' Gazette. |
| Holker, Mr. | Motor Cycle. |
| Pritchard, Mr. H. L. | Autocar, Cycling, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated. |

The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. - The Co-operative News.

Social Democratic Federation. ... Justice.

Alderman J. F. Wilkinson, J.P. ... Nation.

The publishers of the following papers :

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| Agricultural Economist. | Insurance Agent. |
| Alliance News. | Literary Guide. |
| Animal's Friend. | Local Government Journal. |
| Child's Companion. | Musical Herald. |
| Christian. | Nation in Arms |
| Church Missionary Gleaner. | National Temperance Quarterly. |
| Civil Service Candidate. | Patents. |
| Civil Service Gazette. | Photography. |
| Civil Service Hints. | Practical Engineer. |
| Civil Service Weekly. | School Guardian. |

NEWSROOM—*continued.*

Colliery Guardian.
Daily Mail Year Book (2 editions).
Education.
Electrical Engineer.
English Churchman.
Herald of Health.
State Correspondent.
Textile Mercury.
Textile Recorder.
Vegetarian Messenger.
Zoophilist.

A short time ago the Committee made a special appeal for gifts of books, or contributions in money for the purchase of books, so that the Library might be adequately stocked with books to meet the growing demand that is being made upon the Institution. And, it is with regret that the Committee have to record that, with one or two exceptions, the appeal has not met with that immediate generous response which the Committee anticipated.

As there are only at present about 4000 books upon the shelves, which are capable of accommodating 24,000 books, friends will realise the importance of their gifts being made as soon as possible, especially in view of the largely increasing number of people who are making use of the Library.

The Council is limited to an expenditure equal to one penny rate in the pound for the working of the Library, which at present allows of a quite inadequate expenditure upon books, and the Committee therefore sincerely hope for a generous response from the public to this request, made in the interests of the Borough.

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The Committee is of opinion that the result of the year's working of the Library is exceedingly gratifying, and ought to give the greatest satisfaction to the Council, seeing that the progress reported, in the previous reports issued by the Committee, has very greatly increased, and is still increasing in every department of the Library. The year has been an exceptionally busy one.

W. SCOTT FORBES, *Chairman.*
EDWARD HALLSWORTH, *Vice-Chairman.*
CHAS. J. MELLOR, *Librarian.*

TABLE I.

# No. of Volumes in Stock on March 31st, 1908.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 215 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 116 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 141 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 120 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 266 |
| F. | History and Geography | 468 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 305 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 84 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 172 |
| K. | Prose Fiction | 1347 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 167 |
| | | 3401 |

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 19 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 121 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 8 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 74 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 12 |
| F. | History and Geography | 269 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 48 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 59 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 17 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 213 |
| | | 840 |

# TABLE II,—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1907 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April ..... | 128 | 92 | 101 | 67 | 93 | 222 | 45 | 58 | 96 | 1834 | 65 | 2801 | 25 | 112 |
| May..... | 143 | 76 | 75 | 78 | 80 | 188 | 60 | 42 | 47 | 1710 | 54 | 2553 | 23 | 111 |
| June..... | 120 | 93 | 62 | 51 | 69 | 200 | 62 | 49 | 75 | 1811 | 50 | 2642 | 25 | 106 |
| July..... | 145 | 81 | 75 | 55 | 68 | 158 | 58 | 56 | 45 | 1712 | 53 | 2506 | 27 | 93 |
| August ... ..... | 104 | 74 | 92 | 42 | 56 | 155 | 41 | 29 | 25 | 1643 | 68 | 2329 | 26 | 90 |
| September ..... | 92 | 59 | 49 | 40 | 57 | 127 | 45 | 33 | 40 | 1404 | 57 | 2003 | 25 | 80 |
| October ..... | 4 | 1 | 1 | ... | 2 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56 | ... | 64 | 4 | 16 |
| November ..... | 48 | 37 | 49 | 33 | 37 | 69 | 41 | 28 | 24 | 1333 | 41 | 1740 | 21 | 83 |
| December ..... | 55 | 47 | 55 | 32 | 49 | 116 | 62 | 27 | 19 | 1933 | 42 | 2437 | 24 | 102 |
| 1908 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 68 | 68 | 70 | 32 | 52 | 101 | 96 | 24 | 37 | 2282 | 50 | 2880 | 26 | 111 |
| February..... | 67 | 63 | 68 | 32 | 52 | 104 | 89 | 24 | 36 | 2340 | 30 | 2905 | 25 | 116 |
| March ..... | 61 | 66 | 69 | 35 | 53 | 122 | 97 | 22 | 47 | 2490 | 38 | 3100 | 26 | 119 |
| Total ..... | 1035 | 757 | 766 | 497 | 668 | 1562 | 696 | 392 | 491 | 20548 | 548 | 27960 | 277 | 101 |

# TABLE III.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued. And daily average.

| 1907 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature | J Poetry and The Drama. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 65 | 28 | 44 | 36 | 36 | 44 | 33 | 12 | 3 | 1086 | 1387 | 25 | 55 |
| May | 60 | 55 | 43 | 47 | 28 | 28 | 30 | 16 | 16 | 832 | 1155 | 23 | 50 |
| June | 46 | 33 | 21 | 29 | 51 | 37 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 1000 | 1279 | 25 | 51 |
| July | 48 | 30 | 41 | 58 | 54 | 54 | 32 | 23 | 5 | 1147 | 1492 | 27 | 55 |
| August | 31 | 35 | 29 | 22 | 49 | 145 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 973 | 1359 | 26 | 52 |
| September | 29 | 19 | 19 | 32 | 24 | 31 | 10 | 16 | 7 | 1090 | 1277 | 25 | 51 |
| October | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 138 | 187 | 4 | 46 |
| November | 15 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 936 | 1020 | 21 | 50 |
| December | 12 | 18 | 12 | 26 | 10 | 38 | 16 | 19 | 16 | 1102 | 1269 | 24 | 53 |
| 1908 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 36 | 38 | 28 | 33 | 23 | 60 | 32 | 17 | 20 | 1065 | 1352 | 26 | 52 |
| February | 54 | 31 | 34 | 47 | 45 | 53 | 41 | 58 | 23 | 1396 | 1782 | 25 | 71 |
| March | 40 | 23 | 39 | 22 | 56 | 98 | 43 | 142 | 32 | 1496 | 1991 | 26 | 77 |
| Total | 441 | 318 | 326 | 364 | 392 | 607 | 312 | 359 | 170 | 12261 | 15550 | 277 | 60 |

# TABLE IV.

## ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1907 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 193 | 120 | 145 | 103 | 129 | 266 | 78 | 70 | 99 | 1834 | 1151 | 4188 | 25 | 168 |
| May | 203 | 131 | 118 | 125 | 108 | 216 | 90 | 58 | 63 | 1710 | 886 | 3708 | 23 | 161 |
| June | 166 | 126 | 83 | 80 | 120 | 237 | 88 | 69 | 91 | 1811 | 1050 | 3921 | 25 | 157 |
| July | 193 | 111 | 116 | 113 | 122 | 212 | 90 | 79 | 50 | 1712 | 1200 | 3998 | 27 | 152 |
| August | 135 | 109 | 121 | 64 | 105 | 300 | 68 | 54 | 48 | 1643 | 1041 | 3688 | 26 | 142 |
| September | 121 | 78 | 68 | 72 | 81 | 158 | 55 | 49 | 47 | 1404 | 1147 | 3280 | 25 | 131 |
| October | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 5 | 5 | 56 | 138 | 251 | 4 | 63 |
| November | 63 | 43 | 50 | 43 | 52 | 78 | 49 | 34 | 28 | 1333 | 977 | 2760 | 21 | 131 |
| December | 67 | 65 | 67 | 58 | 59 | 154 | 78 | 46 | 38 | 1933 | 1144 | 3706 | 24 | 154 |
| 1908 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 104 | 106 | 98 | 65 | 75 | 161 | 128 | 31 | 57 | 2282 | 1115 | 4232 | 26 | 163 |
| February | 121 | 94 | 102 | 79 | 97 | 157 | 130 | 82 | 59 | 2340 | 1426 | 4687 | 25 | 187 |
| March | 101 | 89 | 108 | 57 | 109 | 220 | 140 | 164 | 79 | 2490 | 1534 | 5091 | 26 | 196 |
| Total | 1476 | 1075 | 1092 | 861 | 1060 | 2169 | 1008 | 751 | 661 | 20548 | 12809 | 43510 | 277 | 157 |

# TABLE V.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Per-centage. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Per-centage | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Per-centage of issues to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1035 | 3·70 | 441 | 2·83 | 1476 | 3·39 |
| B | 757 | 2·70 | 318 | 2·04 | 1075 | 2·47 |
| C | 766 | 2·73 | 326 | 2·09 | 1092 | 2 50 |
| D | 497 | 1·77 | 364 | 2·34 | 861 | 1·97 |
| E | 668 | 2·38 | 392 | 2·52 | 1060 | 2·43 |
| F | 1562 | 5·58 | 607 | 3·90 | 2169 | 4·95 |
| G | 696 | 2·48 | 312 | 2·00 | 1008 | 2·31 |
| H | 392 | 1·40 | 359 | 2·30 | 751 | 1·72 |
| J | 491 | 1·75 | 170 | 1·09 | 661 | 1·51 |
| K | 20548 | 73·49 | ... | ... | 20548 | 47·22 |
| L | 548 | 1·95 | 12261 | 78·84 | 12809 | 29·43 |
| | 27960 | | 5550 | | 43510 | |

# TABLE VI.

## Shewing Occupations of Borrowers

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accountants ... | 9 | Correspondent ... | 1 | Librarians ... | 4 |
| Advertising Agent... | 1 | Dairyman ... | 1 | Loom Overlookers ... | 3 |
| Agents ... | 21 | Decorator ... | 1 | Machine Operators . | 2 |
| Analyst ... | 1 | Dentist ... | 2 | Machine Tenter ... | 1 |
| Apprentices ... | 73 | Designer .. | 1 | Machinists ... | 5 |
| Architects ... | 5 | Detective ... | 1 | Maker-up ... | 2 |
| Art Masters ... | 5 | Dispenser ... | 1 | Managers ... | 6 |
| Articled Clerk ... | 1 | Domestic Servants ... | 11 | Manageress ... | 1 |
| Artists ... | 3 | Drapers ... ... | 17 | Masons ... | 4 |
| Auditor ... | 1 | Draughtsmen ... | 5 | Mechanics ... | 7 |
| Bag-maker ... | 1 | Dressmakers ... | 13 | Medical Practitioners | 10 |
| Baker ... | 1 | Driller ... ... | 1 | Merchant ... | 1 |
| Bank clerks ... | 5 | Drysalter ... | 1 | Meter Inspector ... | 1 |
| Barmaid ... | 1 | Dyers ... | 2 | Milk Dealers ... | 2 |
| Blacksmiths ... | 4 | Electricians ... | 65 | Mill hands ... | 2 |
| Bleacher ... | 1 | Engineers ... | 67 | Milliners... ... | 11 |
| Board of trade officials | 3 | Engine Drivers ... | 12 | Millwright ... | 1 |
| Boarding-houseKeeper | 1 | Errand Boys ... | 2 | Mining engineer . | 1 |
| Boiler makers ... | 2 | Evangelist ... | 1 | Motor Mechanic ... | 1 |
| Booking Clerk ... | 1 | Fish Salesmen ... | 2 | Moulders ... | 3 |
| Bookkeepers ... | 10 | Firemen ... ... | 2 | Musicians . | 9 |
| Boot Makers ... | 5 | Fitters ... ... | 31 | Nurses ... ... | 6 |
| Brass Finisher ... | 1 | Foremen... ... | 4 | Oil merchant ... | 1 |
| Building Contractors | 3 | French polisher ... | 1 | Packers ... ... | 2 |
| Butchers ... ... | 11 | Furniture Salesman ... | 6 | Painters ... ... | 6 |
| Buyers ... ... | 4 | Gardeners ... | 4 | Pattern makers ... | 2 |
| Cabinet Maker ... | 1 | Gas stoker ... | 1 | Pattern-card Maker | 1 |
| Caretakers ... | 3 | Gentlemen's outfitters . | 2 | Pawnbrokers ... | 3 |
| Cashiers ... | 8 | Governess' ... | 2 | Photographers ... | 6 |
| Checker ... | 1 | Grocers ... ... | 16 | Picture Framer ... | 1 |
| Chemists ... | 4 | Hairdressers ... | 3 | Piecer ... | 1 |
| Chorister ... | 1 | Hardware dealer ... | 1 | Plaiter ... ... | 1 |
| Civil Engineer ... | 1 | Hawkers ... | 4 | Plasterer ... | 1 |
| Civil Service ... | 2 | Hosier ... ... | 1 | Plumbers ... ... | 6 |
| Clerks ... | 75 | House Furnishers ... | 3 | Police Constable ... | 1 |
| Clerks in Holy Orders | 4 | House-keepers ... | 40 | Polisher... ... | 1 |
| Clothier ... | 1 | Hydraulic Engineers ... | 3 | Porter ... | 1 |
| Coach builders ... | 2 | Ironmongers ... | 2 | Postmen ... ... | 3 |
| Coachmen ... | 2 | Iron Turners ... | 4 | Postal Clerks ... | 10 |
| Coal Agent ... | 1 | Insurance Agents ... | 7 | Printers ... ... | 10 |
| Collectors ... | 3 | Joiners ... ... | 12 | Pupil Teachers ... | 29 |
| Commercial Travel'rs | 23 | Journalists ... ... | 4 | Railway Servants ... | 2 |
| Compositors ... | 3 | Labourers ... ... | 14 | Rate Collector ... | 1 |
| Confectioners ... | 9 | Ladies' outfitter ... | 1 | Refreshment house keeper ... | 1 |
| Contractors ... | 3 | Lady's Help ... | 3 | | |
| Corn Merchant ... | 1 | Leather mat manfrs. ... | 4 | Registration agent... | 1 |

## Occupation of Borrowers, continued.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Salesmen ... | 29 | Stamper ... ... | 1 | Undergraduates ... | 4 |
| Saleswoman ... | 1 | Stationers ... ... | 2 | Upholsterers ... | 2 |
| Sanitary Inspector . | 1 | Stenographers ... | 2 | Warehousemen ... | 19 |
| Scholars .. ... | 34 | Storekeeper ... | 1 | Warrant officer ... | 1 |
| School Attendance Officer ... | 1 | Stretcher ... ... | 1 | Watchmakers ... | 2 |
| Schoolmasters | 23 | Students ... ... | 28 | Weavers ... | 3 |
| Schoolmistresses ... | 72 | Surveyors ... | 6 | Wheelwright ... | 1 |
| Secretaries ... | 8 | Tailors ... ... | 12 | Winders ... | 4 |
| Sheet Metal Worker | 1 | Telegraph Inspector ... | 1 | Window Cleaner ... | 1 |
| Shop Assistants ... | 17 | Telegraph Messeng'rs | 2 | Wine Merchant ... | 1 |
| Shopkeepers ... | 8 | Telegraphists ... ... | 5 | Wood Turner .. | 1 |
| Signalman ... | 1 | Telephone Operators... | 3 | Yarn Agents .. | 2 |
| Slate Merchants ... | 2 | Timekeepers ... ... | 3 | Persons giving no occupation | 550 |
| Slater ... ... | 1 | Tobacconist ... | 1 | | |
| Solicitor ... | 1 | Toolmaker ... ... | 1 | | |
| Spinners ... ... | 6 | Typists ... ... | 26 | | |
| | | Tyremaker ... | 1 | Total | 1771 |

## Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward ... ... ... | 591 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 333 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 258 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward ... ... ... ... | 262 |
| South-West or Barton Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 131 |
| West or Winton Ward ... ... ... ... ... ... | 196 |
| | 1771 |

# TABLE VII.

## An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Catalogues. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. | Damage to Books. Lost Books. | Subscriptions from persons residing outside the Borough. | Total Receipts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1907 | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| April ..... | 0 16 4 | 0 5 4 | 0 0 9 | 0 1 5 | 0 0 5 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 1 6 9 |
| May..... | 0 13 0 | 0 3 7 | 0 1 0 | 0 3 11 | 0 0 2 | 0 5 6 | ..... | 1 7 2 |
| June..... | 0 14 8 | 0 3 0 | 0 0 1 | 0 0 11 | 0 0 1 | ..... | ..... | 0 18 9 |
| July ..... | 0 15 6 | 0 2 8 | 0 0 4 | 0 3 0 | 0 0 4 | 0 1 0 | ..... | 1 2 10 |
| August ..... | 0 13 6 | 0 7 6 | 0 0 3 | 0 1 1 | 0 0 3 | ..... | ..... | 1 2 7 |
| September ..... | 0 8 8 | 0 7 9 | 0 0 8 | 0 2 2 | 0 0 3 | ..... | ..... | 0 19 6 |
| October ..... | 0 8 0 | 0 1 9 | ..... | 0 1 2 | ..... | 0 1 6 | ..... | 0 12 5 |
| November ..... | 0 3 0 | 1 6 6 | ..... | 0 0 11 | 0 0 4 | ..... | 0 5 0 | 1 15 9 |
| December ..... | 0 14 11 | 0 11 8 | ..... | 0 13 6 | 0 0 9 | ..... | ..... | 2 0 10 |
| 1908 | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 1 11 1 | 0 12 10 | ..... | 2 19 1 | 0 0 11 | ..... | ..... | 5 3 11 |
| February ..... | 1 3 10 | 0 10 5 | ..... | 0 14 1 | 0 1 0 | ..... | 0 10 0 | 2 19 4 |
| March..... | 1 11 6 | 0 9 11 | ..... | ..... | 0 1 3 | 0 4 0 | ..... | 2 6 8 |
| Total ..... | 9 14 0 | 5 2 11 | 0 3 1 | 5 1 3 | 0 5 9 | 0 12 0 | 0 17 6 | 21 16 6 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented . . ... ... ... ... ... | 540 |
| Volumes purchased ... ... ... ... ... ... | 526 |
| Volumes in stock ... .. . ... ... ... | 4241 |
| Total number of issues ... .. ... ... ... | 43510 |
| Total issue since July, 1905 ... ... .. ... | 102514 |
| Average daily issues ... ... ... ... ... | 157 |
| Number of borrowers enrolled ... ... ... ... | 836 |
| Tickets cancelled ... ... ... ... ... ... | 112 |
| Number of tickets in force ... ... ... ... ... | 1771 |
| Overdue books written for ... ... ... ... | 634 |

# GENERAL DATA.

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|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1906) ... ... ... ... | 38500 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £170538 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... | £628 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted... ... ... ... | 1905 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. E. Potts, | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... | July 31st, 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield)... | Sept. 29th, 1906 |
| Adoption of Open Access decided upon ... | March 18th, 1907 |
| Carnegie Public Library Opened by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P. ... | October 19th, 1907 |

## The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room :

### DAILY.

Daily Dispatch.
,, Graphic.
Liverpool Post.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, ,, News.
,, ,, Telegraph.
,, ,, Times.
Manchester Courier (2 copies).
,, Guardian (2 copies).
,, Evening Chronicle (3 copies).
,, ,, News (3 copies).
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

### WEEKLY.

Academy.
*Alliance News.
Athenaeum.
*Autocar.
*Blackpool Herald.
* ,, Times.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boy's Own Paper.
Building News.
*Christian.
Chums.
*Civil Service Candidate.
* ,, ,, Gazette.
* ,, ,, Hints.
* ,, ,, Weekly.
Clarion.
*Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News.
Cotton Factory Times.
*Cycling.
Eccles Advertiser (2 copies).
,, Journal (2 copies).
,, Telegraph.
*Education.
*Electrical Engineer.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
*English Churchman.
,, Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart.
Gardening.
Gentlewoman.
Girl's Own Paper.
Graphic.
Home Notes.
Illustrated London News.
*Justice.
Labour Leader.
,, News.
Ladies' Pictorial.
Lady.
*Local Government Journal
*L.G.O.
M.A.P.
Madame.
Manchester City News.
*Motor Car Journal.
* ,, Cycle.
* ,, News.
*Motoring Illustrated.
*Nation.
New Penny Magazine.
*Patents' Illustrated Official Journal.
Pendleton Reporter.

Penny Pictorial.
*Photography.
*Practical Engineer.
Publishers' Circular.
Punch.
Queen.
*School Guardian.
Scotsman.
Sketch.
Spectator.
T.P's Weekly.
*Textile Mercury.
Tit-Bits.

## MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.
*Animal's Friend.
Bradshaw's Guide.
C. B. Fry's Magazine.
Cassell's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
*Child's Companion.
*Church Missionary Gleaner.
Fortnightly Review.
*Herald of Health.
Pearson's Magazine.
Quiver.
Royal Magazine.
*State Correspondent.
Strand Magazine.
*Textile Recorder.
*Travellers' Gazette.
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
*Insurance Agent.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
London Magazine.
*Nation in Arms.
Nineteenth Century.
Our Own Magazine.
*Musical Herald.
Pall Mall Magazine.
*Unionist Gazette.
*Vegetarian Messenger.
Wide World Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
Woman's Work.
*Zoophilist.

## QUARTERLY.

*National Temperance Quarterly.
Post Office Guide.

## DIRECTORIES.

*Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool.
Kelly's Cheshire.
,, Lancashire.
, Post Office, London.
*Paton's List of Schools.
*Practical Advertising.
*Macdonald's English Directory.
Slater's Manchester, Salford, and suburban.

*Presented.

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Cheshire Lines.
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Great Northern.
Great Western.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London, Brighton & South Coast.
London & North Western.
Midland.

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS.

## GENERAL.

1.—The Eccles Public Libraries are established as a society for the purpose of literature and science exclusively. The Librarian shall have the general charge of the Libraries, and shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the books and for all the property belonging thereto.

2.—The Libraries are supported in part by a rate levied in accordance with the Public Libraries Acts, and in part by annual voluntary contributions of money, and gifts of books and periodicals. The Libraries Committee shall not make any dividend, gift, division, or bonus in money unto, or between, any of its members.

3.—No charge for admission shall be made. Persons are admitted to the Libraries and Reading Rooms on condition that they use the same for the purpose of reading, and that they conduct themselves quietly and properly, and are cleanly in person and apparel. Being in the Libraries or Reading Rooms in a state of intoxication, using the same for idling, sleeping, eating, or conversation, smoking, spitting, striking matches, or for purposes other than reading, are specific breaches of this regulation, and the Officers are authorized and required to remove any persons so misconducting themselves, or using the Libraries and Reading Rooms in any other than a legitimate manner. Dogs are not allowed on the premises.

4.—The Librarian shall have power to suspend the use of the ticket of any borrower, and refuse books, or deny the use of the Reading Rooms to any reader who shall neglect to comply with any of these rules and regulations, such reader having the right of appeal to the Public Libraries Committee, who shall also decide all other disputes between readers and the library officials.

5.—Readers desirous of proposing books for addition to the Libraries, may do so by entering, on slips, kept for the purpose, the titles and particulars of publication of such books, which will be regularly submitted to the Committee.

6.—Any person who unlawfully or maliciously destroys or damages any book, map, print, manuscript, or other article belonging to the Libraries, shall be liable to prosecution for misdemeanour under the provisions of 24 and 25 Vict., c. 97. *An Act to consolidate and amend the Statute Law of England and Ireland relating to malicious injury to property*, 1861. The provisions of the statute entitled 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries* 1898, shall also apply.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

7.—The Lending Library is open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. except on Saturday, when it is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but shall be closed on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in Whit-week, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

8.—Only actual borrowers who are enrolled on the Register of the Library shall have the right of direct access to the book shelves, but their representatives may be admitted at the discretion of the Librarian, or one of his assistants. The Librarian shall have full power to limit the number of admissions at any time, and shall settle any disputes between borrowers as to who may have any particular book.

9.—Handbags, baskets, parcels, sticks, and umbrellas must be left with the Assistant at the entrance, who shall return them at the point of exit. All articles so left will be at the owner's risk.

10.—All persons who appear on the current Burgess Roll of the Borough may borrow books on their own responsibility, after filling up an application for a borrower's ticket on a form provided for the purpose.

11.—Other residents above the age of fourteen years may borrow books, but must first obtain a guarantee from a duly-qualified person, as defined in Rule 10, and must sign an application for a borrower's ticket, on forms to be provided.

12.—The Application and Guarantee Form, duly signed, must be delivered to the Librarian, and if, on examination, it is found correct, the borrower's ticket will be issued on the day following, but will only be delivered to the borrower in person.

13.—The Committee shall issue additional tickets to readers, available for all classes of literature save Fiction. Any duly-enrolled borrower may have one of these extra tickets on filling up an application form as for an ordinary ticket.

14.—Any person residing outside the Borough may obtain a borrower's ticket on payment of a subscription as follows: Residing in a dwelling-house rated at a sum (*a*) not exceeding £20 a year, 2/6 a year; (*b*) exceeding £20 and not exceeding £40 a year, 5/- a year; (*c*) exceeding £40 a year, 10/- a year. Each application must be accompanied by a guarantor's form, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations 11.

15.—All tickets and vouchers must be renewed annually; each ticket and voucher being reckoned available for one year from date of issue. On application for a book the ticket must be presented, as no book will be issued without.

16.—A Guarantor may terminate his responsibility by giving one calendar month's notice, in writing, to the Librarian, and at the expiration of such

notice, and upon the delivery to the Librarian of the borrower's ticket, all further liability under the guarantee shall cease.

17.—Change of residence of borrowers, or their guarantors, must be intimated to the Librarian within fourteen days of such change, under penalty of the forfeiture of the borrower's ticket.

18. On borrowing any book the borrower's ticket must be delivered up, and will be returned to the borrower when the book is restored to the Library. Books cannot be exchanged more than once the same day. No borrower shall lend or transfer a book to any person. The officers are empowered to refuse books to messengers considered unfit to take proper care of them.

19.—The borrower must return each volume lent within fifteen days, including days of issue and return, and shall be liable to a fine of one penny per week, or portion of a week, for each volume lent, if not returned within that period, but the issue of a book may be renewed for a further period of fifteen days, dating from the day of intimation, on notice being given to the Librarian, either personally or in writing, provided that no further renewal will be allowed if the book is required by another reader. Books, which are much in demand, may, however, be refused such renewal, at the discretion of the Librarian.

20.—The officers will examine every book returned, and, if found to have sustained any injury, they will require the borrower, or his, or her, guarantor, to pay for the damage done, or to replace the book or set of books to which it may belong.

21.—Borrowers who are unable to obtain a particular book, and desire that it shall be retained for them on its return, must give its title, number, etc., to the assistant, and pay 1d. to cover cost of posting an intimation that it is available for issue, but no book will be kept longer than the time mentioned in the notice.

22.—Borrowers are required to keep the books clean. They are not to turn down or stain the leaves, nor to make pencil or other marks on them. They must take the earliest opportunity of reporting any damage, or injury, done to the books they receive, otherwise they will be held responsible for the value of the same.

23.—The Committee may at any time order that all works shall be returned to the Libraries by a specified date, irrespective of the time allowed for reading, for purposes of stocktaking; but a clear fortnight's notice of such return shall be posted in the Libraries. Any borrower failing to comply with such notice will be liable to an additional special fine of one penny per day or portion of a day for each work detained beyond that date.

24.—If any borrower shall not return to the Libraries any book lent, or shall refuse, or neglect, to pay on demand any fines, costs, or damages incurred under these Rules and Regulations, then the value of such book, and such fines, costs, or damages, shall be recoverable by the Borough Council, by an action-at-law against the borrower, or his or her guarantor, or against both of them, together with the costs or expenses of such action-at-law.

25.—If an infectious disease breaks out in any house containing books belonging tc the Libraries, such books are not to be returned to the Libraries, but must be handed over to the Medical Officer of Health, or any sanitary officer acting on his behalf. Until such infected house is declared free from disease by the Medical Officer of Health, no books will be issued from the Libraries to any person residing therein.

26.—Borrowers leaving the district, or ceasing to use the Library, are required to return their tickets to the Librarian in order to have them cancelled ; otherwise they and their guarantors will be held responsible for any books taken out in their names.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

27.—This Department shall be open the same hours as the Lending Department.

28.—No person shall be allowed to consult any book without signing a "Reader's Form," which may be obtained on application, and such signature shall be taken and considered to be an assent to the Rules and Regulations of the Libraries. Any work in the Lending Department, except works of fiction, may be obtained for use in the Reference Library, but on no account must such books be taken away from the room.

29.—No reader shall be allowed to trace any plate or engraving, and in making extracts from books, or copies of plates and engravings, special care must be observed in the use of ink, pencils, etc., so that the works may in no way be injured.

30.—Children under 14 years of age are not admitted to this department.

## READING ROOMS.

31.—The Reading Rooms shall be open daily from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except on Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Bank Holidays, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Whit-week, and such other days as the Committee may from time to time appoint.

32.—No person under 14 years of age, unless accompanied by their parents or elders, shall be allowed to use these rooms.

33.—Newspapers and Magazines shall not be removed from the desks and tables upon which they are placed.

34.—Any persons who use these rooms for the purpose of betting, or who in any way cause obstruction or disorder in these or any other rooms or passages of the Libraries, are liable to be proceeded against under the provisions of 61 and 62 Vict., c. 53. *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Offences in Libraries*, 1898.

35.—No Newspaper or Magazine shall be retained longer than 10 minutes after it has been inquired for by another reader.

Issued by Order of the Public Libraries Committee,

EDWIN PARKES,

TOWN CLERK.

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CHAS. J. MELLOR, Borough Librarian.

# Borough of Eccles.

## Fourth Annual Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

THE Committee have pleasure in submitting to the Council their Fourth Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1909.

The past year has been a period of remarkable and most gratifying progress, owing mainly to the great appreciation which the public have shown in the newly erected Public Library. There has been a very marked addition in the number of borrowers and in the issues of books, both for Home Reading and for Reference. The number of attendances in the Reading Room, and the students using the Reference Room, have grown considerably during the period covered by this report.

The year has been an exceptionally busy one, and a perusal of this report will show that many new and important developments have been made, all of which add considerably to the convenience of the public, and to the usefulness of the institution.

### STOCK.

The number of volumes in the Lending Department is now 4,550, and in the Reference Department 1,157, making a total of 5,707 volumes, as compared with 4,241 last year. 1,149 volumes have been added to the Lending Department, and 317 to the Reference Department, during the year. Of this number 1,143 were purchased and 323 presented.

The damage to books by wear and tear in a library with only a small stock, and with over 76,000 issues in twelve months, is considerable. The work of examining the condition of the books is constantly going on. During the year 1,411 volumes have been repaired, 170 volumes have been rebound and re-stitched, and 1,250 volumes have been lettered and numbered.

### ISSUES.

During the past year the Library has been opened on 302 days. The book issues in both the Lending and Reference Departments of the Library amounted to 76,731 volumes, as compared with 43,510 in the previous year, an increase of 33,221 volumes. As will be seen from the tables of statistics, the increase is spread over almost every department of literature. Much of this increase, however, was in the Reference Department, which in the past year has grown very largely in public usefulness, the number of books consulted being 29,935.

In the Lending Department the total issue was 46,796 volumes, as compared with 27,960 in the previous year: an increase of 18,836.

The daily average issue again shows a further increase, having risen from 200 to 341, giving a daily average for the whole year of 254, as against 157.

It will be noticed from the statistics of issues that a large amount of the more serious reading has been going on, apart altogether from fiction. The Public Library that is able to show an issue of only 50 per cent. in fiction as compared with all other sections in the Library is considered fortunate. The issue of fiction in this Library for the year under review was 34,730 volumes, or 45·26 per cent. of all the issues of the Library. In other words out of every ten volumes issued from the Library less than five were works of fiction. This result is considered highly creditable. The total number of books issued since the Library was established in July 31st, 1905, is 179,245.

## BORROWERS' TICKETS.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets issued during the year is 1,507, making a total of 2,447 tickets now in actual use. Of this number 109 tickets are students tickets, available only for works other than fiction. The number of Borrowers' Tickets in force in the previous year was 1771.

A list of Borrowers' occupations, together with the districts in which they live will be found on page 18.

## FINES.

The number of postal summonses sent to readers for over detention of books was 871. The amount received for fines was £19 7s. 2d., an increase of £9 13s. 2d. A number of books were retained by Borrowers notwithstanding repeated postal intimation from the Library; these cases had to be personally investigated. Much difficulty was experienced in tracing some of these, but it was successfully accomplished, and not a single volume has been lost in this way to the Library.

Borrowers who are unable to get to the Library on the day on which their book is due to be returned, may avoid fines by forwarding to the Librarian a post card requesting the renewal of the book for a further period. The date on which a book is due to be returned is now stamped on the issue label, instead of the date the book was issued. This change has been affected in the interest of many borrowers who were often uncertain as to the date on which their books should be returned.

## BESPOKEN BOOKS.

The privilege of having books reserved on payment of one penny per volume to cover cost of postage of notices, has again been largely used by readers, the total number of books bespoken in this way being 127.

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The continually increasing use made of the Reference Library gives great satisfaction to the Committee, and is manifest of its value to the Borough.

This department has received more attention than in the previous year, a number of important books having been added. It is evident that there is a growing appreciation of the facility offered for consulting so many valuable, and to the majority of people, otherwise unobtainable works. On many occasions it is found that the Reference Room is much too small to accommodate all the students desiring to use it.

The Directories and Time Tables, which have been removed to this Department from the Reading Room, are proving of the greatest service to the public.

## READING ROOM.

One noticeable element of the year's work has been the remarkable increase in the attendance in the Reading Room. There have been 115,744 aggregate attendances (counted hourly) during the year. The Reading Room is often overcrowded, on many occasions there is not a vacant chair at the reading tables.

Every effort has been made to make the list of newspapers and periodicals as interesting and generally useful as the resources of the Committee will permit.

A few alterations and additions have been made during the year, and every suggestion that is made by those who use the rooms receives the consideration of the Committee.

The newspapers and periodicals have been supplied regularly throughout the year. A complete list of them is given at the end of this report.

## READERS' REVIEW.

The Committee have made arrangements whereby the "Readers' Review," published monthly, becomes the "Local" Magazine of the Eccles Public Libraries. It is hoped to defray the cost of the magazine by advertisements. The purpose of the Review, which is obtainable "gratis" at the Central Library or Branches, is to supply the reading public of the Borough with useful information regarding the Libraries and their work, and to record the additions of new books made from time to time.

The Review has been well received by the Borrowers, and the Committee hope that this new development will afford guidance to readers in their choice of books, and in the extension of the usefulness of the Library

## N.H.R.U.

The Library has been enrolled as a member of the National Home Reading Union, and now obtains the three Magazines issued by the Union, giving lists of the best books for various courses of reading. It is hoped to form a reading circle of borrowers in connection with the Union.

## THE LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY.

The Library has been elected a member of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. For a small annual subscription the Library will receive the publication of the Society, and will in this way collect valuable material for the correct history of Lancashire and Cheshire.

## LECTURES.

One of the most important features of the year's work has been the inauguration of a system of lectures. Permission having been given by the Council, a special Lecture Sub-Committee was appointed to arrange a course of the popular lectures.

During the six months, October 1908 to March 1909, twelve lectures have been delivered in connection with the Public Library, as follows :—

| Date. | Lecturer. | Subject. | Chairman. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1908 Oct. 11 | Sir W. H. Bailey..... | The genius of John Critchley Prince, the Lancashire Poet .... | Coun. W. Scott Forbes. |
| Oct. 28 | The Very Rev. A. Poock, D.D. | Music in Divine Service (with illustrations)..... | Rev. Father Newton. |
| Nov. 6 | Fred Marquis, Esq., B.SC. | The position of Literature in Man's practical Life ..... | Thomas Swindells, Esq. |
| Nov. 11 | Thomas Swindells, Esq... | A Chat about Old Manchester | Councillor T. Grindle, J.P. |
| Nov. 24 | J. L. Paton, Esq., M.A... | John Milton (illustrated) .... | Councillor J. W. Hurrell. |
| Dec. 9 | Miss Thirza Potts, M.A. .. | The Romantic Revival ..... | Councillor T. Grindle, J.P. |
| 1909 Jan. 13 | T. Wilson, Esq., J.P. .... | George Borrow and his Books | W. T. Alexander, Esq., J.P. |
| Jan. 27 | W. F. Cottrell, Esq. .... | Shakespeare's Jesters, Fools and Clowns ..... | C. W. Jones, Esq., M.A. |
| Feb. 10 | Aylmer Maude, Esq. .... | Reform in Russia ..... | Ald. J. Schofield, J P. |
| Feb. 24 | E. K. Everett, Esq., J.P. | Rusty Intellects ..... | H. Kelsey, Esq. |
| Mar. 10 | Rev. F. D. Cremer, M.A. | Of what use is Poetry Reading to ordinary people ..... | H. P. Wilson, Esq. |
| Mar. 24 | Rev. J. R. Bailey ..... | Charles Lamb ..... | Councillor A. Farnie, J.P. |

The attendance has been good and very appreciative, and the Committee feel that the lectures cannot fail to increase and stimulate an interest in the more solid literature provided in the Library. In every case a list of books in the Library, dealing with the subject of the lecture was prepared, and proved of great service.

We venture to say that the course of lectures for the past session represents in itself a liberal education; and we are gratified by the approval of our efforts in this direction, as evidenced by the large and enthusiastic audiences which have assembled on each occasion.

The Committee hope to continue the lectures next year, and believe that the results will more than justify the small expenditure which the lectures involve.

## DONATIONS.

The Committee tender their sincere thanks to the donors for their gifts to the Library during the year, and gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following subscriptions to the Book Fund, viz. :—J. S. Brighouse, Esq., J.P., two guineas; Dr. Sidley, one guinea; George Brown, Esq., one pound. A full list of donors of books will be found on page 11. It is earnestly hoped that the Library will receive in the coming year further large donations of books, as until it has a stock of 20,000 volumes it cannot fulfil in its entirety all the objects for which it was primarily established.

## DELIVERY BRANCHES.

A most important development of the year has been the establishment of two Delivery Branches. For the convenience of the residents in the Peel Green and Winton Districts, the Committee have made arrangements whereby Borrowers may obtain and exchange books at the Post Office, Liverpool Road, Peel Green, and the Post Office, Worsley Road, Winton. A number of books are kept at the Branches, and a borrower may select one of them, or he may leave there, or at the Central Library, a list of the books required, whereupon one of the books will be sent to the Branch named.

These Branches have proved a great success and a distinct boon to those persons living in the districts.

The Committee will shortly have to consider the question of a similar Branch at Monton.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIES.

The Committee have carefully considered the question of establishing Libraries in the Elementary Schools of the Borough in co-operation with the Education Committee. As the resources of the Library are quite inadequate to cope with the task of supplying and maintaining such

Libraries, the Committee decided that they would undertake the administration of a system of School Libraries if the Education Committee will bear the cost.

## LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.

Through the attendance of the Librarian at the Annual Conferences of the Library Association, the Committee is able to keep in touch with developments of the Library movement in various parts of the kingdom, and to adapt them to local conditions.

## VISIT OF THE LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' FELLOWSHIP.

About 40 members of the above Fellowship visited the Library on the 25th April last. The members were received by the Librarian and conducted round the Library. Afterwards a meeting was held, when a paper on "Open Access' was read by the Assistant Librarian, a very interesting discussion ensuing. The proceedings concluded with a cordial vote of thanks to the Committee for allowing the meeting.

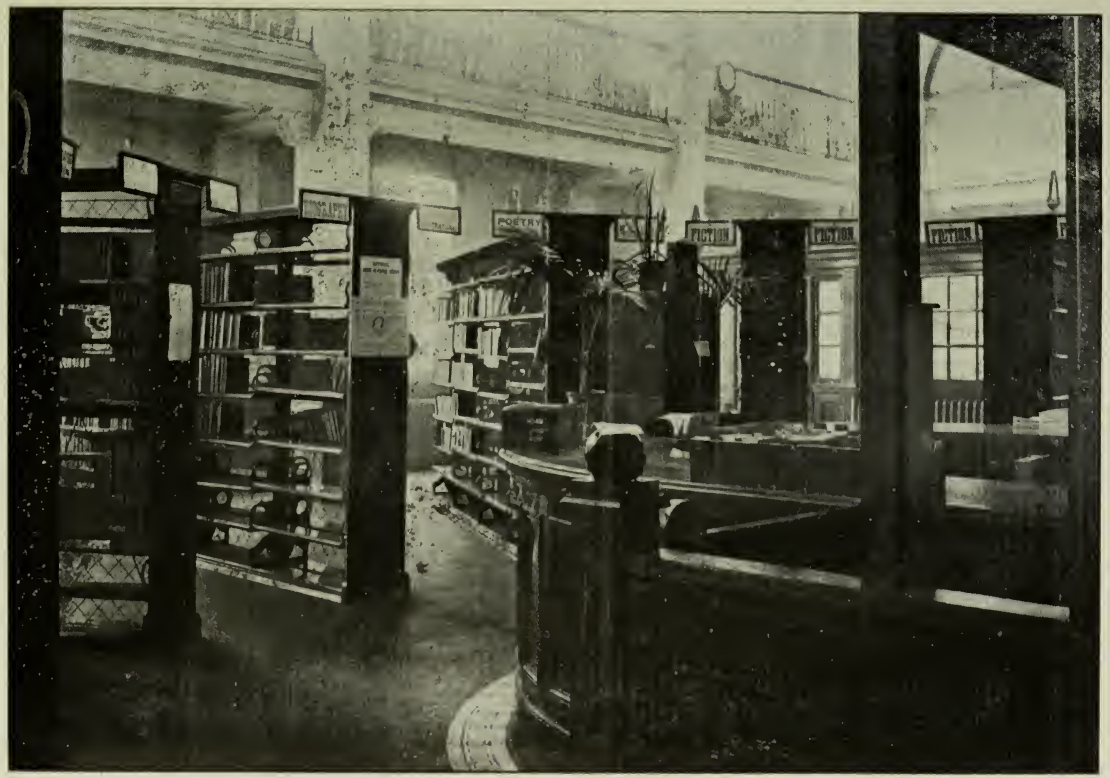
## VISITORS.

The Library has been visited by many persons from all parts of the country, including a deputation from the Corporation of Blackpool, the latter authority having expressed themselves highly gratified with the arrangements, especially in regard to the administrative methods.

W. SCOTT FORBES, *Chairman.*

EDW. HALLSWORTH, *Vice-Chairman.*

CHAS. J. MELLOR, *Borough Librarian.*

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## Donors of Books, Pamphlets, &c., to the Public Library, year ending 31st March, 1909.

Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. 1 Volume.
Amos, Mr. C. Monton. 3 Volumes.
Andrew, Col., J.P. Eccles. 1 Volume.
Bailey, Sir W. H. Sale. 15 Volumes.
Barningham, Mr. T. Manchester. 2 Volumes.
Benson, Miss. Eccles. 2 Volumes.
Berry, Mr. T. J.P. Eccles. 2 Volumes.
Brighouse, J. S. J.P. Monton. 53 Volumes.
Briscoe, Mr. J. P. Nottingham. 2 Volumes.
British and Foreign Unitarian Association. 1 Volume.
Trustees, British Museum. 55 Volumes.
Trustees, British Museum. (Natural History). 36 Volumes.
Cambridge University Press. 19 Volumes.
Cremer, Rev. F. D. 1 Volume.
Durham University. 1 Volume.
Eccles Corporation. Borough Surveyor. 1 Volume.
Edinburgh University. 1 Volume.
Gardner, Councillor. 9 Volumes.
Gill, Mr. R. Eccles. 1 Volume.
Gt Western Rly. Co. Manchester. 6 Volumes.
Grindle, Councillor, J.P. 28 Volumes.
Holland, Mr. W. Eccles. 2 Volumes.
Hunter, Miss. Eccles. 10 Volumes.
H.M. Stationery Office. 7 Volumes.
Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. 1 Volume.
Association of Master Cotton Spinners. 2 Volumes.
Jones, C. W., Esq., M.A. Eccles. 1 Volume.
Kingsland, Rev. J. P. Eccles. 1 Volume.
Kingsland, Mrs. Eccles. 1 Volume,
Library Reports:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-u-Lyne. Birmingham, Bolton, Brighton, Cardiff, Chorley, Colchester, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Haslingden, Hereford, Hornsey, Hove, Kendal, Kilburn, Nelson. Nottingham, Preston, Rawtenstall, Runcorn, St. Helens, Salford, Stirling's and Glasgow, Taunton, Warrington, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, Widnes, Wigan.
Liverpool University. 1 Volume.
Mort, Dr. Eccles. 5 Volumes.

Moss, E., Esq. Eccles. 30 Volumes.
Parton, Mrs. Eccles. 1 Volume.
Sidley, Councillor. 10 Volumes.
Swindells, T. Monton. 4 Volumes.
Tariff Reform League. 2 Volumes.
Trinity College of Music, London. 1 Volume.
Wilkinson, Alderman, J.P., Eccles. 4 Volumes.

## Donations. Newspapers & Periodicals.

Blackpool Corporation. Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times.
Brade, Mr. J. B. Unionist Gazette.
Cook, Messrs. T. & Sons. Travellers' Gazette.
Holker, Mr. Motor Cycle.
Pritchard, Mr. H. L. Autocar, Irish Cyclist, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated.

The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. - The Co-operative News.
Social Democratic Federation. ... Justice.
Alderman J. F. Wilkinson, J.P. ... Nation.

*The Publishers of the following Papers :—*

Agricultural Economist.
Alliance News.
Animal's Friend.
Arbitrator.
Art Needlework.
British Architect.
British Journal of Photography.
Child's Companion.
Christian.
Christian Endeavour Times.
Church Missionary Gleaner.
Civil Service Gazette.
Civil Service Hints.
Civil Service Weekly.
Incorporated Accountants Journal.
Colliery Guardian.
Concord.
Decorator.
Education.
Electrical Engineer.
English Churchman.
Gt. Western Railway Magazine.
Harvest.
Herald of Health.
Insurance Agents Journal.
Liberal Monthly.
Literary Guide.
Local Government Journal.
Model Engineer.
Musical Herald.
Nation in Arms.
National Church.
National Temperance Quarterly.
Patents Illustrated Official Journal.
Patents.
Photography.
Positivist Review.
Practical Engineer.
School Guardian.
Syren.
Textile Mercury.
Textile Recorder.
Vegetarian Messenger.
Zoophilist.

## TABLE I.

# No. of Volumes in Stock on March 31st, 1909.

## LENDING DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 246 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 137 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 155 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 146 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 325 |
| F. | History and Geography | 589 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 406 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 111 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 259 |
| K. | Prose Fiction | 1882 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 294 |
| | | 4550 |

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 70 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 191 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 59 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 99 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 18 |
| F. | History and Geography | 282 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 53 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 95 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 17 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 273 |
| | | 1157 |

# TABLE II.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1908 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April ..... | 61 | 56 | 68 | 31 | 42 | 99 | 73 | 30 | 43 | 2310 | 40 | 2853 | 23 | 124 |
| May..... | 54 | 60 | 70 | 43 | 65 | 104 | 68 | 40 | 33 | 2440 | 53 | 3030 | 26 | 117 |
| June..... | 38 | 38 | 65 | 35 | 56 | 99 | 48 | 43 | 35 | 2147 | 50 | 2654 | 22 | 121 |
| July ..... ... | 69 | 71 | 61 | 53 | 68 | 105 | 73 | 49 | 57 | 2371 | 67 | 3044 | 27 | 113 |
| August ... | 41 | 44 | 57 | 42 | 45 | 95 | 69 | 34 | 51 | 2299 | 35 | 2812 | 25 | 112 |
| September ..... | 59 | 71 | 77 | 40 | 63 | 96 | 84 | 45 | 62 | 2655 | 35 | 3287 | 26 | 126 |
| October ..... ... | 76 | 84 | 77 | 70 | 68 | 120 | 105 | 54 | 63 | 2891 | 52 | 3660 | 27 | 136 |
| November ..... | 91 | 69 | 90 | 66 | 89 | 192 | 157 | 52 | 63 | 3064 | 49 | 3982 | 25 | 159 |
| December ... | 103 | 92 | 102 | 86 | 104 | 145 | 122 | 85 | 105 | 3296 | 94 | 4334 | 25 | 173 |
| 1909 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... ... | 245 | 138 | 191 | 140 | 241 | 264 | 185 | 112 | 149 | 3571 | 134 | 5370 | 25 | 215 |
| February..... | 200 | 166 | 165 | 161 | 201 | 260 | 229 | 143 | 157 | 3630 | 147 | 5459 | 24 | 227 |
| March ..... | 223 | 221 | 223 | 184 | 207 | 339 | 268 | 161 | 222 | 4056 | 207 | 6311 | 27 | 235 |
| Total ..... | 1260 | 1110 | 1246 | 951 | 1249 | 1918 | 1481 | 848 | 1040 | 34730 | 963 | 46796 | 302 | 155 |

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# TABLE III.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued. And daily average.

| 1908 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature | J Poetry and The Drama. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 26 | 14 | 32 | 14 | 29 | 26 | 35 | 17 | 18 | 1556 | 1767 | 23 | 76 |
| May | 57 | 33 | 32 | 55 | 62 | 97 | 82 | 56 | 49 | 1950 | 2473 | 26 | 95 |
| June | 50 | 44 | 57 | 72 | 98 | 137 | 75 | 45 | 78 | 1873 | 2529 | 22 | 115 |
| July | 41 | 41 | 50 | 43 | 51 | 73 | 63 | 59 | 46 | 2122 | 2589 | 27 | 96 |
| August | 22 | 28 | 41 | 36 | 61 | 77 | 46 | 31 | 37 | 1808 | 2187 | 25 | 87 |
| September | 61 | 53 | 52 | 80 | 140 | 130 | 85 | 52 | 59 | 1649 | 2361 | 26 | 90 |
| October | 50 | 37 | 38 | 37 | 65 | 109 | 71 | 37 | 69 | 2040 | 2553 | 27 | 95 |
| November | 43 | 36 | 46 | 36 | 78 | 122 | 73 | 66 | 51 | 1966 | 2517 | 25 | 101 |
| December | 39 | 23 | 35 | 47 | 47 | 112 | 111 | 34 | 49 | 2141 | 2638 | 25 | 105 |
| 1909 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 40 | 23 | 30 | 36 | 45 | 64 | 80 | 46 | 27 | 22[illegible]2 | 2683 | 25 | 107 |
| February | 58 | 29 | 43 | 42 | 64 | 58 | 87 | 39 | 60 | 2251 | 2731 | 24 | 114 |
| March | 42 | 39 | 52 | 44 | 45 | 69 | 95 | 48 | 41 | 2432 | 2907 | 27 | 108 |
| Total | 529 | 400 | 508 | 542 | 785 | 1074 | 903 | 530 | 584 | 24080 | 29935 | 302 | 96 |

# TABLE IV.

## ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

Monthly issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued. And daily average.

| 1908 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography and Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 87 | 70 | 100 | 45 | 71 | 125 | 108 | 47 | 61 | 2310 | 1596 | 4620 | 23 | 201 |
| May | 111 | 93 | 102 | 98 | 127 | 201 | 150 | 96 | 82 | 2440 | 2003 | 5503 | 26 | 212 |
| June | 88 | 82 | 122 | 107 | 154 | 236 | 123 | 88 | 113 | 2147 | 1923 | 5183 | 22 | 236 |
| July | 110 | 112 | 111 | 96 | 119 | 178 | 136 | 108 | 103 | 2371 | 2189 | 5633 | 27 | 209 |
| August | 63 | 72 | 98 | 78 | 106 | 172 | 115 | 65 | 88 | 2299 | 1843 | 4999 | 25 | 200 |
| September | 120 | 124 | 129 | 120 | 203 | 226 | 169 | 97 | 121 | 2655 | 1684 | 5648 | 26 | 217 |
| October | 126 | 121 | 115 | 107 | 133 | 229 | 176 | 91 | 132 | 2891 | 2092 | 6213 | 27 | 230 |
| November | 134 | 105 | 136 | 102 | 167 | 314 | 230 | 118 | 114 | 3064 | 2015 | 6499 | 25 | 260 |
| December | 142 | 115 | 137 | 133 | 151 | 257 | 233 | 119 | 154 | 3296 | 2235 | 6972 | 25 | 279 |
| 1909 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 285 | 161 | 221 | 176 | 286 | 328 | 265 | 158 | 176 | 3571 | 2426 | 8053 | 25 | 322 |
| February | 258 | 195 | 208 | 203 | 265 | 318 | 316 | 182 | 217 | 3630 | 2398 | 8190 | 24 | 341 |
| March | 265 | 260 | 275 | 228 | 252 | 408 | 363 | 209 | 263 | 4056 | 2639 | 9218 | 27 | 341 |
| Total | 1789 | 1510 | 1754 | 1493 | 2034 | 2992 | 2384 | 1378 | 1624 | 34730 | 25043 | 76731 | 302 | 254 |

# TABLE V.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Per-centage. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Per-centage | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Per-centage of issues to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1260 | 2·69 | 529 | 1·76 | 1789 | 2·33 |
| B | 1110 | 2·37 | 400 | 1·33 | 1510 | 1·96 |
| C | 1246 | 2·66 | 508 | 1·69 | 1754 | 2 28 |
| D | 951 | 2·03 | 542 | 1·81 | 1493 | 1·94 |
| E | 1249 | 2·66 | 785 | 2·62 | 2034 | 2·65 |
| F | 1918 | 4·09 | 1074 | 3·58 | 2992 | 3·89 |
| G | 1481 | 3·10 | 903 | 3·01 | 2384 | 3·10 |
| H | 848 | 1·81 | 530 | 1·77 | 1378 | 1·79 |
| J | 1040 | 2·22 | 584 | 1·95 | 1624 | 2·11 |
| K | 34730 | 74·21 | ... | ... | 34730 | 45·26 |
| L | 963 | 2·05 | 24080 | 80·44 | 25043 | 32·63 |
| | 46796 | | 29935 | | 76731 | |

# TABLE VI.

## Shewing Occupations of Borrowers.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accountants | 6 | Clothier | 1 | Governess | 1 |
| Agents | 24 | Club Steward | 1 | Government Tax Collector | 1 |
| Analyst | 1 | Coach Builders | 2 | Greengrocers | 2 |
| Apprentices | 63 | Coachmen | 3 | Grocers | 22 |
| Architects | 2 | Coal Agents | 2 | Hairdressers | 5 |
| Art Masters | 3 | Collectors | 2 | Hardware dealer | 1 |
| Art Students | 2 | Commercial Travel'rs | 36 | Hawkers | 3 |
| Articled Clerk | 1 | Compositor | 1 | Health Visitor | 1 |
| Artists | 3 | Confectioners | 10 | Hosier | 1 |
| Assurance Supts | 2 | Contractors | 3 | House Furnishers | 8 |
| Auctioneer | 1 | Corn Merchant | 1 | House-keepers | 54 |
| Auditor | 1 | Correspondent | 2 | Hydraulic Engineer | 1 |
| Bag-maker | 1 | Cotton Manufacturer | 1 | Ironmonger | 1 |
| Baker | 1 | Cotton Polisher | 1 | Iron Turners | 5 |
| Bank Clerks | 15 | Dairyman | 1 | Insurance Agents | 17 |
| Barmaids | 2 | Decorators | 7 | Insurance Officials | 5 |
| Blacksmiths | 3 | Dentist | 1 | Joiners | 20 |
| Bleacher | 1 | Designers | 3 | Journalists | 6 |
| Block Cutter | 1 | Detective | 1 | Labourers | 22 |
| Board of Trade Officials | 2 | Director | 1 | Ladies' Outfitter | 2 |
| Boarding-house Keepers | 2 | Domestic Servants | 16 | Lady's Help | 14 |
| Boiler-maker | 1 | Drapers | 16 | Lamplighter | 1 |
| Booking Clerks | 2 | Draughtsmen | 9 | Laundress | 1 |
| Bookkeepers | 7 | Drawer-in | 1 | Leather Mat Manfr. | 1 |
| Boot Makers | 4 | Dressmakers | 12 | Librarians | 4 |
| Borers | 2 | Drillers | 5 | Linotype Operators | 3 |
| Brass Finishers | 5 | Drysalter | 1 | Lithographic Artists | 3 |
| Brass Moulder | 1 | Dyers | 5 | Locomotive Firemen | 2 |
| Bricklayers | 7 | Electricians | 12 | Loom Overlookers | 3 |
| Building Contractor | 1 | Embroideress | 1 | Machine Operator | 1 |
| Butchers | 6 | Engineers | 35 | Machine Tenter | 1 |
| Buyers | 6 | Engine Drivers | 6 | Machinists | 10 |
| Cabinet Makers | 3 | Errand Boys | 5 | Maker-up | 5 |
| Canvasser | 1 | Etcher | 1 | Managers | 12 |
| Caretakers | 2 | Evangelists | 5 | Manageress | 1 |
| Carters | 7 | Farmer | 1 | Mantle makers | 2 |
| Cashiers | 6 | Farrier | 1 | Masons | 3 |
| Chartered Accountants | 3 | Fitters | 14 | Mechanics | 8 |
| Charwoman | 1 | Foremen | 7 | Medical Practitioners | 5 |
| Checker | 1 | Forewoman | 1 | Medical Students | 3 |
| Chemists | 3 | French Polisher | 1 | Merchants | 6 |
| Cigarette Maker | 1 | Fruit Boilers | 2 | Meter Inspectors | 2 |
| Civil Engineer | 1 | Furniture Salesman | 1 | Milk Dealer | 1 |
| Clarionettist | 1 | Gardeners | 8 | Mill Hands | 4 |
| Clerks | 206 | Gas stoker | 1 | Miller | 1 |
| Clerk in Holy Orders | 1 | Gentlemen's Outfitter | 1 | | |

## Occupation of Borrowers, continued.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Milliners... | 14 | Rate Collector | 1 | Telephone Operators | 2 |
| Millwrights | 3 | Refreshment House Keeper | 1 | Textile Worker | 1 |
| Ministers | 4 | Registration Agent | 1 | Timekeepers | 2 |
| Modiste | 1 | Rubber Workers | 2 | Tin Plate Worker | 1 |
| Motor Mechanic | 1 | Salesmen | 43 | Tobacconists | 4 |
| Moulders | 3 | Saleswomen | 6 | Toolmaker | 1 |
| Musical Director | 1 | Salvation Army Officers | 2 | Tripe Dresser | 1 |
| Musicians | 8 | Sanitary Inspectors | 3 | Typists | 27 |
| Nurses | 4 | Scholars | 41 | Tyremaker | 1 |
| Oil Merchant | 1 | School Attendance Officer | 1 | Undergraduates | 2 |
| Packers | 4 | Schoolmasters | 22 | Upholsterers | 2 |
| Painters | 4 | Schoolmistresses | 126 | Vacination Officer | 1 |
| Paper Dealer | 1 | Secretaries | 5 | Vanman | 1 |
| Pattern Makers | 2 | Sewing Mistresses | 2 | Velvet Shearer | 1 |
| Pattern-card Makers | 2 | Shipping Salesman | 1 | Waitress | 1 |
| Pawnbrokers | 7 | Shop Assistants | 36 | Warehousemen | 33 |
| Photographers | 4 | Shopkeepers | 25 | Warrant Officers | 2 |
| Picture Framer | 1 | Signalman | 1 | Watchmakers | 3 |
| Piecer | 1 | Slate Merchants | 2 | Watchman | 1 |
| Plasterers | 2 | Solicitor | 1 | Weavers | 5 |
| Plumbers | 7 | Spinners | 8 | Well Borer | 1 |
| Police Pensioner | 1 | Stamper | 1 | Wheelwright | 1 |
| Pork Butcher | 1 | Stationers | 5 | Winders | 3 |
| Porter | 1 | Stenographers | 3 | Window Cleaners | 2 |
| Postmen | 7 | Storekeepers | 3 | Wine Merchants | 2 |
| Postmistresses | 3 | Students | 32 | Wood Turner | 1 |
| Postal Clerks | 10 | Surveyors | 8 | Persons giving no occupation | 876 |
| Priest | 1 | Tailors | 14 | | |
| Printers | 6 | Telegraph Inspector | 1 | | |
| Publicans | 2 | Telegraphists | 4 | Total | 2447 |
| Pupil Teachers | 14 | Telephone Inspector | 1 | | |
| Railway Servants | 5 | | | | |
| Railway Traffic Agents | 2 | | | | |

## Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward | 704 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward | 591 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward | 322 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward | 352 |
| South-West or Barton Ward | 240 |
| West or Winton Ward | 238 |
| | 2447 |

# TABLE VII.

## An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Lecture Tickets. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. | Damage to Books. Lost Books. | Subscriptions from persons residing outside the Borough. | Total Receipts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1908 | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| April | 1 12 7 | 0 4 5 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 3 | 0 0 3 | ..... | 1 17 6 |
| May | 1 8 2 | 0 4 5 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 6 | ..... | ..... | 1 13 1 |
| June | 1 17 8 | 0 4 6 | ..... | 0 3 3 | 0 0 2 | 0 0 6 | 0 2 6 | 2 8 7 |
| July | 1 12 0 | 0 5 2 | ..... | 0 3 0 | 0 0 1 | 0 0 3 | ..... | 2 0 6 |
| August | 1 10 1 | 0 9 6 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 1 | ..... | ..... | 1 19 8 |
| September | 1 4 1 | 0 10 9 | ..... | ..... | 0 1 8 | 0 3 6 | ..... | 2 0 0 |
| October | 1 15 8 | 0 11 4 | 2 10 0 | 0 3 0 | 0 2 3 | ..... | ..... | 5 2 3 |
| November | 1 9 5 | 0 19 3 | 1 17 6 | 0 5 5 | 0 0 8 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 4 14 9 |
| December | 1 10 4 | 0 15 2 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 8 | ..... | ..... | 2 6 2 |
| 1909 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 1 17 4 | 0 14 1 | ..... | 2 13 9 | 0 1 1 | 0 3 7 | 0 2 6 | 5 12 4 |
| February | 1 12 0 | 0 12 9 | 0 6 6 | 1 11 7 | 0 1 4 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 4 6 8 |
| March | 1 17 10 | 0 14 3 | ..... | 0 14 0 | 0 1 10 | ..... | 0 5 0 | 3 12 11 |
| Total | 19 7 2 | 6 5 7 | 4 14 0 | 5 14 0 | 0 10 7 | 0 8 1 | 0 15 0 | 37 14 5 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented . . ... ... ... ... ... | 323 |
| Volumes purchased ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1143 |
| Volumes in stock ... .. . ... ... ... | 5707 |
| Total number of issues ... .. ... ... ... | 76731 |
| Total issue since July, 1905 ... ... .. ... | 179245 |
| Average daily issues ... ... ... .. ... | 254 |
| Number of borrowers enrolled ... ... ... ... | 1507 |
| Number of tickets in force ... ... ... ... ... | 2447 |
| Overdue books written for ... . ... ... . . | 871 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1908) ... ... ... ... | 41500 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £174365 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... | £670 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted... ... ... ... | 1905 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. E. Potts, | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... | July 31st, 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield)... | Sept. 29th, 1906 |
| Adoption of Open Access decided upon ... | March 18th, 1907 |
| Carnegie Public Library Opened by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P. ... | October 19th, 1907 |
| "Readers' Review" first issued ... ... | August, 1908 |
| First Lecture given ... ... ... ... | October, 1908 |
| Delivery Branches opened at Peel Green and Winton ... ... .. ... | November 2, 1908 |

## The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room:

### DAILY.

Daily Dispatch.
,, Graphic.
Liverpool Post.
London Daily Chronicle.
,, ,, News.
,, ,, Telegraph (2 copies).
,, ,, Times.
Manchester Courier (2 copies).
,, Guardian (2 copies).
,, Evening Chronicle (3 copies).
,, ,, News (3 copies).
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Post.

### WEEKLY.

Academy.
*Alliance News.
Athenæum.
*Autocar.
*Blackpool Herald.
* ,, Times.
Boy's Own Paper.
*British Architect.
*British Journal of Photography.
Building News.
*Christian.
*Christian Endeavour Times.
Chums.
*Civil Service Gazette.
* ,, ,, Hints.
* ,, ,, Weekly.
Clarion.
*Colliery Guardian.
*Co-operative News.
Cotton Factory Times.
Eccles Advertiser.
,, Journal.
,, Telegraph.
*Education.
*Electrical Engineer.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
*English Churchman.
,, Mechanic.
Exchange and Mart.
Gardening.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
Home Notes.
Illustrated London News.
*Irish Cyclist.
*Justice.
Labour Leader.
,, News.
Lady's Pictorial.
Ladies Field.
*Local Government Journal.
M.A.P.
Madame.
Manchester City News.
*Model Engineer.
*Motor Car Journal.
* ,, Cycle.
* ,, News.
*Nation.
New Penny Magazine.
*Patents' Illustrated Official Journal.
Pendleton Reporter.
Penny Pictorial.

**WEEKLY** (continued.)

*Photography.
*Practical Engineer.
Punch.
Queen.
*School Guardian.
Sketch.
Spectator.
*Syren.
T.P's Weekly.
*Textile Mercury.
Tit-Bits.
Woman Worker.

**MONTHLY.**

*Agricultural Economist.
*Animal's Friend.
*Arbitrator.
Bradshaw's Guide, 2d. and 6d.
C. B. Fry's Magazine.
Chambers' Journal.
*Child's Companion.
*Church Missionary Gleaner.
*Concord.
*Decorator.
Fortnightly Review.
Girl's Own Paper.
*Gt. Western Railway Magazine.
*Harvest.
*Herald of Health.
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
*Insurance Agent's Review.
Knowledge.
*Liberal Monthly.
*Literary Guide.
Literary World.
London Magazine.
*Nation in Arms.
*National Church.
National Home Reading Union.
Nineteenth Century Magazine.
Our Own Magazine.
*Musical Herald.
Pall Mall Magazine.
Pearson's Magazine.
*Positivist Review.
Quiver.
*Returns of the Deaths of Seamen.
Royal Magazine.
Strand Magazine.
*Textile Recorder.
*Travellers' Gazette.
*Unionist Gazette.
*Vegetarian Messenger.
Wide World Magazine.
Windsor Magazine.
*Zoophilist.

**QUARTERLY.**

*Art Needlework.
*National Temperance Quarterly.
Patents.

*Presented.

## In the Reference Room:

**DIRECTORIES.**

*Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool.
Kelly's Cheshire.
,, Lancashire.
, Post Office, London.
*Macdonald's English Directory.
*Paton's List of Schools.
Post Office Guide.
*Practical Advertising.
Slater's Manchester, Salford & suburban.

## RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Caledonian.
Cheshire Lines.
Glasgow & South Western.
Great Central.
Great Northern.
Great Western.
Lancashire and Yorkshire.
London, Brighton & South Coast.
London & North Western.
Midland.

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

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**Caretaker**—ARTHUR CRABTREE.

# Borough of Eccles.

## Fifth Annual Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

THE Committee have pleasure in submitting to the Council their Fifth Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

The outstanding feature in the period covered by this report is that it has seen the completion of the Library Decoration, and that the whole cost of the building has been provided by Mr. Carnegie. In consequence of circumstances which the Committee could not avoid, the total cost of the Library Building considerably exceeded the original estimate. It was, therefore, decided to make a further appeal to the generosity of Mr. Carnegie, negotiations proceeded for some time, and in August, 1909, the Committee were able to report the receipt from Mr. Carnegie's Cashier of a cheque to the amount of £1,214, to defray the cost of the increased expenditure in erecting, furnishing, and decorating the Library. This further donation, which the Committee gratefully acknowledge, brings Mr. Carnegie's gift to the sum of £8,714.

### Painting and Decoration.

During the month of August the Library was closed for the purpose of painting and decorating the building. The whole of the work was under the supervision of Mr. Hennings, of Messrs. Potts and Hennings, the Architects of the building, and the execution of the work has been admirably carried out by the firm of Reuben Bennett, of Old Trafford.

The following description will give some idea of the character of the work. The beautiful proportions of the large hall naturally demanded that care should be exercised in designing the scheme of decoration. It was felt that anything of an incongruous character would have been fatal to the interior.

The decorators have therefore devoted all their time and thought in merely emphasizing the beautiful lines of the building. As a matter of course the roof panels offered a fine field for a refined scheme, and this has been taken advantage of to its fullest

throughout. The ornament has been carefully studied, and the whole carried out in a delicate rendering of the Italian Style. And to give emphasis to the interest in the work, names of famous men in all branches of art have been inscribed. The tone colouring is in harmony with the style of ornament, and is carried out in shades of soft green, gold colour and blues, etc., enriched with toned gold, on a grounding of deep ivory shade of colour. The beams of plaster framing the panels of the large hall ceiling are relieved with an interesting ornament suggestive of the wreath in shades of soft greens. All the cornices, arches, and main architectural lines have been painted a light vellum shade of colour, this enhances and makes an excellent framing to the interesting tone of rich green on the walls, which is at once both delicate and rich in character.

In the centre of each spandrel are shields surrounded with "Cartouche" in higher relief. On these shields have been painted in true Heraldic Blazoning, Coats of Arms of different towns, namely: Manchester, Salford, Darwen, Bolton, Blackpool, Lancaster, Preston, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool. These Coats of Arms give a key note to the entire scheme, at the same time forming the central feature for the eye to rest upon.

The walls have been treated in a simple, but very tasteful manner, to prevent any sense of unrest that would be out of place in a Library, and forms an excellent background to the bookcases.

Other parts of the interior have been treated in a similar way, but naturally in a simpler manner.

Everything has been done to ensure a very lasting work in every detail. Also all the beautiful mahogany woodwork fittings have been cleaned and re-French polished, this rich mahogany colour helps in a very great degree towards a complete harmony of colour.

## The Library Stock.

The number of books contained in the Library is as follows:—

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| In the Lending Library | ... | ... | 4928 volumes. |
| In the Reference Library | ... | ... | 1264 „ |
| Making a total of | ... | ... | 6192 „ |

During the year 378 volumes were added to the Lending Library, and 107 volumes to the Reference Library, making a total of 485. Of this number 170 volumes were purchased and 315 presented.

## Income for Books.

It has not been possible to purchase many new books this year. No one regrets this fact more than the Committee. But as is well known the Public Libraries Committee is the only one under the Council with a limited income, and whilst exercising the strictest economy in every direction, the ordinary administrative expenses of the Library, are such, that after meeting these charges, there is nothing left for the purchase of the new and important books that are constantly being demanded by the public.

As the periodic supply of new books is of vital importance to maintain the interest of readers, and the usefulness of the Library, it will be necessary for the Committee to adopt some means to raise an annual income for this specific purpose. At least £400 per annum is required to keep the Library up-to-date, and to furnish the adequate number of books in science and art, as well as in Technological and Commercial subjects which are so essential to those employed in the staple industries of the neighbourhood. If employers of labour would subscribe an annual sum themselves, and further, to induce their workers to subscribe, say, one penny each a month, for this object, it would greatly help the Committee, and would prove of lasting benefit to the Library and to the whole community.

The following table will show the number of books in the Eccles Public Library, as compared with several Lancashire Towns with approximate populations, viz :—

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| ECCLES ... ... ... ... ... | 6192 | volumes. |
| Accrington ... ... ... ... ... | 14000 | „ |
| Ashton-under-Lyne ... ... ... | 20000 | „ |
| Chorley ... ... ... ... ... | 11000 | „ |
| Darwen ... ... ... ... ... | 20000 | „ |
| Lancaster ... ... ... ... ... | 21000 | „ |
| Leigh ... ... ... ... ... | 14000 | „ |
| Nelson ... ... ... ... ... | 13000 | „ |
| Widnes ... ... ... ... ... | 12500 | „ |

These figures emphasize the need for getting further large additions to the stock of books, to put the Eccles Library on a parity with other towns.

## Stocktaking.

The annual Stocktaking shows that four books are missing from the Libraries, amounting in value to the sum of 10s. When taking

into consideration the small stock of books in the Libraries, and consequently the great number of times each book must be issued in the course of a year, the Committee is of the opinion that this result is highly satisfactory in an Open Access Library. And, it is a further proof of the perfect safety with which a community can be trusted with the privilege of having direct access to the books in a properly administered Library. It is also a testimony to the diligence of the staff.

The heavy turnover of the books entails a considerable amount of wear and tear, but on the whole the books are in good condition. The work of examining the stock is constantly going on, and during the year 1329 volumes have been repaired, 242 volumes have been rebound and restitched, and 398 volumes have been lettered and numbered.

## Circulation.

In the course of the past year the total issue of books from all departments of the Libraries was 80,401 volumes, being an increase of 3,670 volumes as compared with the issue of 76,731 volumes in the previous year. This increase is considered eminently satisfactory in view of the fact that the Library was closed for five weeks during the summer for painting. A better comparison than the total issue is the average daily issue which last year amounted to 319 against 254 in 1908-9, an increase of 65 per day.

The work of the Libraries goes on increasing year by year, which is a clear token of public appreciation.

The number of books issued since the Library was established in July, 1905, has now reached the total of more than a quarter of a million volumes, the actual figures being 259,646.

It is pleasing to note that although the total issue shows an increase of 3,670, at the same time the percentage of fiction issued keeps very low, being only 46·78. This result is an encouraging sign of a distinct improvement that is taking place in the reading of the public. Moreover it should be borne in mind that much of the fiction used has a considerable literary value, and, when it is remembered that a non-fictional work requires much more serious study than a novel, rendering its perusal proportionately longer, the contention that fiction forms the greater part of the reading of the public using the Libraries, is practically disproved.

## Borrowers' Cards.

The number of Borrowers on the register of the Lending Libraries at the 31st March, 1910, was 2209. Supplementary or Students tickets available for works other than fiction, have been issued to 151 persons. Borrowers appreciate greatly the extra privilege of their use, and the issue of these tickets has been continuously progressive, the result is the increased use of the non-fiction works in the Libraries.

A list of Borrowers' occupations, together with the districts in which they reside will be found on page 21.

## Fines.

Overdue books are written for once a week, and, on the whole, borrowers are prompt in responding to the notices requesting the return of the books and the payment of the fines. In connection with the issue of 52,852 volumes from the Lending Libraries, a written intimation was sent to 877 borrowers who had detained books beyond the period allowed for reading; a number of these cases had to be personally investigated, the work was successfully accomplished, and not one book was lost to the libraries in this way.

The amount paid in fines was £20 8s. 11d., being £1 1s. 9d. more than in the previous year.

## Bespoken Books.

A number of books in special demand have again been bespoken by readers. On payment of one penny per volume, to cover the cost of postage, a notice is sent to the borrower when the book is available, the total number of notices sent being 70.

## Reference Department.

This department continues to be largely used for purposes of serious study, as well as for general reading. The recorded number of volumes consulted during the year being 27,549.

The books are now all placed on open shelves in one room, and a member of the staff is always in attendance to give assistance to readers whenever required.

The value of this branch of the Library service cannot be over estimated, when it is seen that the increasing numbers of students who avail themselves of the opportunity afforded to consult Reference works, which by reason of their cost, would otherwise be quite beyond the reach of the majority of working students.

The limitations of the library income seriously prevent necessary developments in this department, the Committee, however, provide all that is possible under the circumstances.

### Reading Room.

A notable increase has again been reported in the attendance in the Reading Room. Although the library was closed for a month during the year, the aggregate attendance (counted hourly) was 116,723, a daily average of 428 as compared with the average of 383 in the previous year. It follows that the room is often filled to its utmost capacity. Every effort is made to make the list of periodicals as interesting and generally useful as possible, and the large numbers who avail themselves of the variety of papers provided, is abundant evidence of the appreciation in which this popular department of the Library is held. The Ladies' Room also continues to be well patronised.

### Readers' Review.

Last year the Committee made arrangements to issue monthly a local edition of the "Readers' Review." It was hoped to defray the cost of the magazine by advertisements. Despite all efforts to the contrary, this venture has not been successful. Although the Review was highly appreciated by the readers, the greatest difficulty was experienced in inducing tradespeople to advertise in what must have been an excellent medium. Chiefly for this reason the Committee decided, with regret, that they had no alternative but to discontinue the Review.

### Lectures.

The scheme of lectures initiated in 1908 was continued during the Winter season, 1909-10. Owing to the diversion caused by the Parliamentary Elections, the lectures have not been so largely attended as in the previous year.

During the session ten lectures have been delivered as follows:

"An Easter Vacation in Greece" ..... Mr. J. L. Paton, M.A.
"Essayists and Critics of Queen Anne and after"...Mr. Edward Moss.
"John Keats" ..... Dr. Edward Somers.
"Music in its various phases and styles" Mr. R. H. Wilson, Mus.Bac.
"The Sun" ..... Mr. W. T. Alexander, J.P.
"The Beginnings of Literature" ..... Mr. Henry Guppy, M.A.
"How to enjoy a good picture" ..... Mr. B. H. Mullen, M.A.
"Walter Pater"..... Miss Thirza Potts, M.A.
"The Story of the Moon"..... Rev. J. F. Shepherd, M.A.
"Thomas Hood" ..... Rev. J. R. Bailey

The Committee return their heartiest thanks to the various lecturers who kindly gave their services, and to Mr. W. I. Scholes for his skilful working of the lantern on several occasions.

A vacant date occuring in the syllabus on the 23rd February last, Mrs. W. Scott Forbes very kindly arranged an excellent concert, the proceeds to be given to the Public Library Book Fund. It was very much regretted that the general public did not patronise this admirable concert, so generously provided, in anything like the numbers anticipated. The result of the concert was the handing over to the Committee of the sum of £6 14s. The Committee took an early opportunity to place on record the expression of their very sincere thanks to Mrs. W. Scott Forbes.

## Donations.

Several donations of books, pamphlets, etc., have been received during the year, and the thanks of the Committee have been duly tendered in each case to the donors.

Mr. W. T. Alexander, J.P. very kindly gave a donation of Five Guineas towards the Book Fund. The collection of framed portraits of the past Mayors of the Borough, has been enriched by gifts from Alderman Wilkinson, J.P., Mr. C. E. Hindley, J.P., Dr. W. M. Hamilton, J.P., Mrs. Frederic Smith, and Mrs. Mellor, and Mr. John Ambler who presented a photograph of the late Alderman Mather. Alderman Wilkinson, J.P., has also presented a very handsome engraving of the Coronation of King Edward VII. A framed portrait of the late Mr. Edward Potts. J.P., was presented by the members of his family.

A complete list of the donors is printed in the appendix to this report.

## Delivery Branches.

These branches continue to be well used and are greatly appreciated by the residents in the districts in which they are placed. The service and general arrangements work admirably. The Committee have not yet been able to see their way to open a Delivery Branch in the Monton District.

## Staff.

There has been one change in the Library staff since last year. Mr. H. Holker having received the appointment of Librarian of the Tyldesley Public Library, resigned his position as Assistant Librarian of this Library. By a re-arrangement of the duties of the present

staff and the appointment of a Junior Assistant, the vacancy has been satisfactorily filled.

### Library Hours.

In consequence of the continual increase in the work of the Library, it became almost impossible to allow the members of the staff to have a weekly half holiday. It was therefore decided to close the lending library every Thursday at 1 p.m., and this arrangement facilitates the work of the Institution, and is carried out without any apparent inconvenience to the public.

The question of extending the hours of opening the Reading Room was thoroughly considered by the Committee, but for various reasons, chiefly financial, the Committee could not see their way to make any alteration.

### Library Association.

The Librarian attended the annual conference of the Library Association, held this year at Sheffield, and presented a special report on the proceedings which has been printed in the minutes of the Council.

The Committee have extended an invitation to the members of the Library Association (North Western Branch), to hold the quarterly meeting of October next in Eccles.

### Holiday Information.

Last year a small collection of holiday literature was arranged in the Reference Library, during the Summer months. The collection was in constant use during the holiday season.

It is proposed to again arrange a similar collection this year, but on a somewhat more extensive scale.

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The Committee is of the opinion that the result of the year's working of the Library is exceedingly gratifying, and ought to give the greatest satisfaction to the Council, seeing that the progress reported in the previous reports issued by the Committee, has very greatly increased, and is still increasing in every department of the Library. The year has been an exceptionally busy one.

W. SCOTT FORBES, *Chairman.*

ARTHUR FARNIE, *Vice-Chairman.*

CHAS. J. MELLOR, *Borough Librarian.*

## Donors of Books, Pamphlets, &c., to the Public Library, year ending 31st March, 1910.

Alexander, Mr. W. T., J.P. 2 Volumes.
Ambler, Mr. J. Framed portrait of the late Alderman Mather.
Ashton, Mrs. Eccles. 53 Volumes.
Barningham, Mr. T. Manchester. 1 Volume.
Broughton, Mr. S. Eccles. 3 Framed photographs.
Carnegie, Dr. A. 1 Volume.
Commissioner of Emigration for Canada. 1 Volume.
Crompton, Councillor. 1 Volume.
Eccles Corporation. Borough Surveyor. 1 Volume.
Eccles Corporation. Borough Treasurer. 1 Volume.
Eccles Education Committee. 1 Volume.
Gardner, Mrs. A. 15 Volumes.
L. Gardner & Sons, Ltd. 10 Volumes.
Hall, Mr. W. 1 Volume.
Hamilton, Dr., J.P. Framed portrait.
Hindley, Mr. C. E., J.P. Framed portrait.
Homeland Association. 1 Volume.
H.M. Stationery Office. 2 Volumes.
International Congress of Master Cotton Spinners. 1 Volume.
Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society. 1 Volume.
Layton, Messrs. C. E. London. 2 Volumes.
Library Reports :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Cambridge, Cambridge University Library, Cardiff, Chorley, Colchester, Croydon, Derby, Doncaster, Dundee, Eastbourne Gloucester, Handsworth, Haslingden, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde Kettering, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Loughborough, Manchester, Montrose, Nelson, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Nottingham, Paisley, Perth, Preston, Rawtenstall, Rochdale, Runcorn, Salford, Stirling and Glasgow, St. Bride's Foundation Institute, St. Louis (U.S.A.), Torquay, Taunton, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Warrington, Waterloo with Seaforth, West Bromwich, Widnes, Workington, Great Yarmouth.
Liverpool University. 1 Volume.
Macdonald, W. & Co. 2 Volumes.
Matthews, Mr. F. J. Eccles. 9 Volumes.
Mellor, Mr. C. J. Eccles. 1 Volume.

Mellor, Mrs. Barton. 76 Volumes.

" " " Framed portrait of the late Alderman Mellor, J.P.

Mort, Mr. I. London. 66 Volumes.

Mullen, Dr. J. W. 21 Volumes.

National Union of Teachers. 1 Volume.

Newton, Mr. W. Eccles. 5 Volumes.

North Eastern Railway Company. 1 Volume.

Orr, Dr. J. 1 Volume.

Patent Office, London. 4 Pamphlets.

Phelps, Mr. J. J. Eccles. 1 Volume.

Potts, Miss T., M.A. Framed portrait of the late Mr. E. Potts, J.P.

Smith, Mrs. Framed portrait of the late Mr. Frederic Smith.

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. 1 Volume.

South Australian Government. 1 Volume.

Stowe, Rev. C. L. 1 Volume.

Town Clerks—Guides to:—Aldershot, Ayr, Barry, Barnstaple, Bedford, Berwick-on-Tweed, Bexhill-on-Sea, Bideford, Blackpool, Bodmin, Bridlington, Bridport, Brighton, Bristol, Broadstairs, Budleigh, Burnham, Bury St. Edmunds, Buxton, Canterbury, Castle Douglas, Cheltenham, Chepstow, Chester, Clacton-on-Sea, Cleethorpes, Cockermouth, Colwyn Bay, Cork, Deal, Denbigh, Devizes, Dolgelly, Douglas, Dumfries, Ealing, Edinburgh, Elgin, Exeter, Exmouth, Farnham, Felixstowe, Finchley, Folkstone, Fulham, Glasgow, Gloucester, East Grinstead, Hampton Court, Harrogate, Hartlepool, Harwich, Herne Bay, Hitchin, Horsham, Ilfracombe, Ireland, Isle of Man, Isle of Wight, Keswick, Kidderminster, Killarney, King's Lynn, Lancaster, Leigh, Letchworth, Llandudno, Llangollen, Londonderry, Lossiemouth, Loughborough, Lowestoff, Lytham, Maidenhead, Margate, Marlborough, Minehead, Morecambe, New Brighton, Newbury, Newport, Newquay, Newton Abbot, Northwich, Okehampton, Penarth, Penzance, Perth, Plymouth, Poole, Portrush, Portsmouth, Queenstown, Ramsgate, Reading, Reigate, Ripon, Rugby, Salterton, Sandown, Scarborough, Seaford, Sheringham, Shrewsbury, Southampton, Southport, Southsea, Southwold, St. Albans, Sterling, St. Helens, Stratford-on-Avon, Surbiton, Sutton Coldfield, Swanage, South Wales, Welshpool, Weston-super-Mare, Whitby, Whitley Bay, Wick, Winchester, Windermere, Woking, Woodford, Worthing, Teignmouth, Tonbridge, Torquay, Trowbridge, Ventnor, York.

Trinity College of Music. 1 Volume.

University Press, Oxford. 51 Volumes.

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| Wilkinson, Alderman, J.P. | 2 Volumes. |
| " " | Engraving—Coronation of Edward VII. |
| " " | Framed portrait. |

## Donations.

Blackpool Corporation.
Cook, Messrs. T. & Sons.
Pritchard, Mr. H. L.

## Newspapers and Periodicals.

Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times.
Travellers' Gazette.
Autocar, Irish Cyclist, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated.
The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. The Co-operative News.
Social Democratic Federation. Justice.
Alderman J. F. Wilkinson, J.P. Nation.

*The Publishers of the following Papers:—*

Agricultural Economist.
Alliance News.
Animal's Friend.
Arbitrator.
Art Needlework.
British Architect.
British Journal of Photography.
Catholic Herald
Child's Companion.
Christian.
Christian Endeavour Times.
Church Missionary Gleaner.
Civil Service Gazette.
Civil Service Hints.
Civil Service Weekly.
Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
Colliery Guardian.
Concord.
Decorator.
Education.
English Churchman.
Focus.
Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harvest.
Herald of Health.
Insurance Agents' Journal.
Liberal Monthly.
Literary Guide.
Local Government Journal.
Model Engineer.
Musical Herald.
Nation in Arms.
National Church.
National Temperance Quarterly.
Patents Illustrated Official Journal.
Patents.
Positivist Review.
Practical Engineer.
School Guardian.
Syren.
Textile Mercury.
Textile Recorder.
Unionist Gazette.
Vegetarian Messenger.
Zoophilist.

## TABLE I.

## No. of Volumes in Stock on March 31st, 1910.

### LENDING DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 262 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 150 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 170 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 163 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 348 |
| F. | History and Geography | 653 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 458 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 125 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 288 |
| K. | Prose Fiction | 1994 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 317 |
| | | 4928 |

### REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences | 73 |
| B. | Useful Arts | 198 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts | 59 |
| D. | Social and Political Science | 122 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion | 20 |
| F. | History and Geography | 312 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence | 59 |
| H. | Language and Literature | 112 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama | 19 |
| L. | Miscellaneous | 290 |
| | | 1264 |

# TABLE II.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1909 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 131 | 141 | 121 | 95 | 122 | 183 | 151 | 97 | 134 | 3379 | 122 | 4676 | 23 | 203 |
| May | 118 | 128 | 120 | 90 | 111 | 183 | 152 | 96 | 141 | 3366 | 107 | 4612 | 25 | 184 |
| June | 135 | 124 | 130 | 110 | 125 | 199 | 157 | 94 | 116 | 3289 | 123 | 4602 | 23 | 200 |
| July | 101 | 103 | 122 | 102 | 113 | 187 | 134 | 85 | 111 | 3286 | 109 | 4453 | 26 | 171 |
| *August | 16 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 236 | 14 | 384 | 4 | 96 |
| †September | 100 | 104 | 95 | 78 | 91 | 121 | 115 | 76 | 78 | 2472 | 92 | 3422 | 15 | 228 |
| October | 133 | 151 | 139 | 123 | 136 | 205 | 169 | 110 | 136 | 3626 | 126 | 5074 | 22 | 231 |
| November | 149 | 150 | 154 | 127 | 141 | 222 | 186 | 133 | 159 | 3584 | 137 | 5142 | 22 | 234 |
| December | 127 | 116 | 155 | 110 | 110 | 168 | 162 | 101 | 132 | 3431 | 120 | 4732 | 21 | 225 |
| **1910** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 144 | 110 | 132 | 119 | 120 | 195 | 185 | 107 | 134 | 3701 | 114 | 5061 | 21 | 241 |
| February | 172 | 155 | 163 | 144 | 148 | 231 | 202 | 144 | 145 | 3633 | 132 | 5269 | 20 | 263 |
| March | 174 | 171 | 184 | 146 | 183 | 239 | 230 | 143 | 178 | 3610 | 167 | 5425 | 20 | 271 |
| Total | 1500 | 1466 | 1533 | 1258 | 1416 | 2151 | 1877 | 1198 | 1477 | 37613 | 1363 | 52852 | 242 | 218 |
| Total issue last year | 1260 | 1110 | 1246 | 951 | 1249 | 1918 | 1481 | 848 | 1040 | 34730 | 963 | 46796 | 302 | 155 |

* The Library was Closed from August 6th to September 10th. † Commencing September, the Lending Library Closes at 1-0 p.m. on Thursday. Thursday 3 hours, Saturday 7 hours counted as one day.

## TABLE III.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued and daily average.

| 1909. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature | J Poetry and The Drama | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 33 | 27 | 33 | 38 | 56 | 44 | 55 | 38 | 47 | 2143 | 2514 | 23 | 109 |
| May | 33 | 35 | 28 | 52 | 50 | 54 | 53 | 42 | 42 | 2242 | 2631 | 25 | 105 |
| June | 28 | 21 | 43 | 33 | 29 | 33 | 25 | 42 | 32 | 2079 | 2365 | 23 | 103 |
| July | 23 | 26 | 35 | 45 | 32 | 38 | 34 | 33 | 26 | 2085 | 2377 | 26 | 91 |
| *August | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 264 | 318 | 4 | 79 |
| *September | 25 | 17 | 24 | 25 | 25 | 40 | 42 | 32 | 28 | 1513 | 1771 | 18 | 98 |
| October | 49 | 42 | 53 | 61 | 56 | 70 | 62 | 50 | 50 | 2047 | 2540 | 26 | 98 |
| November | 42 | 40 | 39 | 44 | 77 | 83 | 79 | 106 | 59 | 2105 | 2674 | 26 | 103 |
| December | 36 | 23 | 41 | 45 | 65 | 72 | 82 | 69 | 50 | 1969 | 2452 | 24 | 102 |
| 1910 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 43 | 33 | 52 | 57 | 62 | 79 | 69 | 54 | 37 | 2014 | 2500 | 25 | 100 |
| February | 72 | 60 | 87 | 76 | 93 | 132 | 94 | 156 | 63 | 1884 | 2717 | 24 | 113 |
| March | 57 | 57 | 64 | 65 | 74 | 111 | 98 | 85 | 64 | 2015 | 2690 | 24 | 112 |
| Total | 445 | 384 | 503 | 545 | 623 | 768 | 699 | 717 | 505 | 22360 | 27549 | 273 | 101 |
| Total issue last year | 529 | 400 | 508 | 542 | 785 | 1074 | 903 | 530 | 584 | 24080 | 29935 | 302 | 96 |

* The Library was Closed from August 6th to September 10th for Painting.

## TABLE IV.—ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1909. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and The Drama | K Ficton. | L Miscellaneous | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 164 | 168 | 154 | 133 | 178 | 227 | 206 | 135 | 181 | 3379 | 2265 | 7190 | 23 | 312 |
| May | 151 | 163 | 148 | 142 | 161 | 237 | 205 | 138 | 183 | 3366 | 2349 | 7243 | 25 | 289 |
| June | 163 | 145 | 173 | 143 | 154 | 232 | 182 | 136 | 148 | 3289 | 2202 | 6967 | 23 | 303 |
| July | 124 | 129 | 157 | 147 | 145 | 225 | 168 | 118 | 137 | 3286 | 2194 | 6830 | 26 | 262 |
| *August | 20 | 16 | 22 | 18 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 22 | 20 | 236 | 278 | 702 | 4 | 175 |
| *September | 125 | 121 | 119 | 103 | 116 | 161 | 157 | 108 | 106 | 2472 | 1605 | 5193 | 18 | 326 |
| October | 182 | 193 | 192 | 184 | 192 | 275 | 251 | 160 | 186 | 3626 | 2173 | 7614 | 26 | 329 |
| November | 191 | 190 | 193 | 171 | 218 | 305 | 265 | 239 | 218 | 3584 | 2242 | 7816 | 26 | 337 |
| December | 163 | 139 | 196 | 155 | 175 | 240 | 244 | 170 | 182 | 3431 | 2089 | 7184 | 24 | 327 |
| 1910 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 187 | 143 | 184 | 176 | 182 | 274 | 254 | 161 | 171 | 3701 | 2128 | 7561 | 25 | 341 |
| February | 244 | 215 | 250 | 220 | 241 | 363 | 296 | 300 | 208 | 3633 | 2016 | 7986 | 24 | 376 |
| March | 231 | 228 | 248 | 211 | 257 | 350 | 328 | 228 | 242 | 3610 | 2182 | 8115 | 24 | 383 |
| Total | 1945 | 1850 | 2036 | 1803 | 2039 | 2919 | 2576 | 1915 | 1982 | 37613 | 23723 | 80401 | 268 | 319 |
| Total issue last year | 1789 | 1510 | 1754 | 1493 | 2034 | 2992 | 2384 | 1378 | 1624 | 34730 | 25043 | 76731 | 302 | 254 |

* The Library was Closed from August 6th to September 10th.

# TABLE V.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Percentage | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Percentage | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Percentage of issue to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1500 | 2·64 | 445 | 1·61 | 1945 | 2·41 |
| B | 1466 | 2·77 | 384 | 1·35 | 1850 | 2·30 |
| C | 1533 | 2·90 | 503 | 1·82 | 2036 | 2·53 |
| D | 1258 | 2·38 | 545 | 1·97 | 1803 | 2·24 |
| E | 1416 | 2·67 | 623 | 2·26 | 2039 | 2·53 |
| F | 2151 | 4·06 | 768 | 2·78 | 2919 | 3·63 |
| G | 1877 | 3·58 | 699 | 2·53 | 2576 | 3·20 |
| H | 1198 | 2·26 | 717 | 2·60 | 1915 | 2·38 |
| J | 1477 | 2·79 | 505 | 1·83 | 1982 | 2·46 |
| K | 37613 | 71·10 | | | 37613 | 46·78 |
| L | 1363 | 2·57 | 22360 | 81·17 | 23723 | 29·50 |
| | 52852 | | 27549 | | 80401 | |

# TABLE VI.

## Shewing Occupations of Borrowers.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accountants | 15 | Correspondents | 2 | Insurance Agents | 5 |
| Agents | 32 | Cotton Manufacturers | 2 | Insurance Officials | 4 |
| Analyst | 1 | Cotton Polisher | 1 | Joiners | 19 |
| Apprentices | 25 | Cutters | 3 | Journalists | 5 |
| Architect | 1 | Dairyman | 1 | Labourers | 15 |
| Art Masters | 4 | Decorators | 7 | Ladies' Outfitter | 1 |
| Art Students | 3 | Dentists | 2 | Lamplighter | 1 |
| Artists | 5 | Designers | 6 | Laundress | 1 |
| Auctioneer | 1 | Directors | 3 | Librarians | 4 |
| Bag-maker | 1 | Domestic Servants | 10 | Linotype Operators | 2 |
| Baker | 1 | Drapers | 18 | Lithographic Artist | 1 |
| Ball Maker | 1 | Draughtsmen | 11 | Locomotive Firemen | 2 |
| Bank Clerks | 19 | Drawer-in | 1 | Machine Operators | 2 |
| Barmaid | 1 | Dressmakers | 14 | Machinists | 9 |
| Bat makers | 2 | Drillers | 5 | Maker-up | 2 |
| Blacksmith | 1 | Drysalters | 2 | Managers | 14 |
| Bleacher | 1 | Dyers | 4 | Manageresses | 3 |
| Board of Trade Official | 1 | Electricians | 13 | Mantle Maker | 1 |
| Boiler-maker | 1 | Embroideress | 1 | Masons | 3 |
| Bookkeepers | 12 | Engineers | 46 | Mechanics | 7 |
| Boot maker | 1 | Engine Drivers | 3 | Medical Practitioners | 5 |
| Borers | 4 | Engraver | 1 | Medical Students | 2 |
| Brass Finishers | 2 | Errand Boys | 3 | Merchants | 2 |
| Brass Moulder | 1 | Evangelists | 3 | Milk Dealers | 3 |
| Bricklayers | 9 | Farmers | 2 | Mill Hands | 4 |
| Building Contractors | 4 | Farrier | 1 | Millers | 2 |
| Butchers | 10 | Fireman | 1 | Milliners | 12 |
| Buyers | 9 | Fitters | 12 | Ministers | 12 |
| Cabinet Makers | 3 | Foremen | 7 | Motor Mechanic | 2 |
| Canvasser | 1 | Fruit Boilers | 2 | Moulders | 6 |
| Caretaker | 1 | Furniture Salesmen | 3 | Musical Director | 2 |
| Carters | 5 | Gardeners | 4 | Musicians | 11 |
| Cashiers | 9 | Gas Inspectors | 2 | Nurses | 6 |
| Chemists | 4 | Gentlemen's Outfitters | 4 | Oil Merchants | 2 |
| Civil Engineers | 3 | Governesses | 4 | Packers | 3 |
| Clerks | 215 | Greengrocers | 4 | Painters | 4 |
| Clerk in Holy Orders | 1 | Grinder | 1 | Paper Dealer | 1 |
| Clothier | 1 | Grocers | 22 | Pattern Makers | 2 |
| Club Stewards | 2 | Hairdressers | 4 | Pattern-card Makers | 2 |
| Coach Builders | 2 | Hawkers | 1 | Pawnbrokers | 5 |
| Coachmen | 2 | Health Visitor | 1 | Photographers | 5 |
| Coal Agents | 2 | Hosiers | 2 | Picture Framers | 2 |
| Collectors | 2 | House Furnishers | 3 | Piecer | 1 |
| Commercial Travellers | 27 | House-keepers | 53 | Plasterer | 1 |
| Compositors | 2 | Hydraulic Engineer | 1 | Platelayer | 1 |
| Confectioners | 12 | Ironmongers | 2 | Plumbers | 7 |
| Contractor | 1 | Iron Turners | 5 | Police Pensioner | 1 |

## Occupation of Borrowers.—*continued.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Porter ... ... | 1 | Sewing Mistress ... | 1 | Tripe Dressers ... | 2 |
| Postmen ... ... | 5 | Shipping Salesman... | 1 | Typists ... ... | 23 |
| Postmistresses ... | 2 | Shop Assistants ... | 28 | Undergraduates ... | 2 |
| Postal Clerks ... | 6 | Shopkeepers ... | 17 | Upholsterers ... | 2 |
| ,, Overseer ... | 1 | Silk Twister ... | 1 | Vaccination Officer... | 1 |
| Printers ... ... | 10 | Slate Merchants ... | 4 | Velvet Shearer ... | 1 |
| Publicans ... ... | 2 | Solicitor ... ... | 1 | Waitress ... ... | 2 |
| Pupil Teachers ... | 72 | Stationers ... ... | 3 | Warehousemen ... | 35 |
| Railway Servants ... | 8 | Stenographers ... | 3 | Waterman ... ... | 1 |
| Rate Collector ... | 1 | Storekeepers ... | 2 | Weavers ... ... | 4 |
| Refreshment House Keepers ... | 2 | Students ... ... | 21 | Well Borer ... ... | 1 |
| Rubber Workers ... | 2 | Superintendents ... | 2 | Wheelwright ... | 1 |
| Saddler ... ... | 1 | Surveyors ... ... | 8 | Winders ... ... | 2 |
| Salesmen ... ... | 44 | Tailors .. ... | 17 | Window Cleaners ... | 2 |
| Saleswomen... ... | 3 | Telegraphists ... | 5 | Wine Merchants ... | 2 |
| Sanitary Inspectors | 4 | Telephone Operator | 1 | Persons giving no occupation | 727 |
| Scholars ... ... | 38 | Timekeepers ... | 2 | | |
| Schoolmasters ... | 18 | Tin Plate Workers... | 2 | | |
| Schoolmistresses ... | 82 | Tobacconist... ... | 2 | Total ... | 2219 |
| Secretaries ... ... | 5 | Toolmaker ... ... | 1 | | |
| | | Town's Lad... ... | 1 | | |

## Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward ... ... | 630 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward ... ... ... ... | 516 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward ... ... ... ... | 303 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward ... ... ... | 408 |
| South-West or Barton Ward ... ... ... ... | 172 |
| West or Winton Ward ... ... ... ... ... | 190 |
| | 2219 |

## TABLE VII.

### An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Lecture Tickets. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. | Damage to Books. Lost Books. | Subscriptions from persons residing outside the Borough. | Total Receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| 1909 | | | | | | | | |
| April ..... | 2 3 9 | 0 10 1 | ..... | 0 3 6 | 0 0 5 | ..... | ..... | 2 17 9 |
| May ..... | 1 19 0 | 0 6 7 | ..... | 0 13 11 | 0 1 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 0 7 |
| June..... | 2 3 10 | 0 7 2 | ..... | 0 19 0 | 0 0 5 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 3 12 11 |
| July ..... | 2 1 1 | 0 6 10 | ..... | 0 6 11 | 0 0 4 | ..... | ..... | 2 15 2 |
| August..... | 0 16 10 | 0 0 10 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 0 1 5 | ..... | 0 19 1 |
| September ..... | 0 8 1 | 0 12 5 | ..... | 0 0 6 | 0 0 6 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 1 4 0 |
| October ..... | 1 6 9 | 0 17 6 | 1 9 0 | 0 19 4 | 0 0 4 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 4 15 5 |
| November ..... | 1 15 11 | 0 15 9 | 2 9 0 | 0 1 0 | 0 0 9 | ..... | ..... | 5 2 5 |
| December..... | 2 0 2 | 0 13 0 | 0 2 0 | 1 0 9 | 0 0 11 | 0 0 7 | ..... | 3 17 5 |
| 1910 | | | | | | | | |
| January ..... | 2 5 4 | 0 12 3 | 0 1 3 | 4 8 10 | 0 0 6 | ..... | ..... | 7 8 2 |
| February ..... | 1 13 2 | 0 13 10 | ..... | 1 12 6 | 0 0 4 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 4 2 4 |
| March ..... | 1 15 0 | 0 8 3 | 0 4 6 | 0 8 0 | 0 0 3 | ..... | ..... | 2 16 0 |
| Total ..... | 20 8 11 | 6 4 6 | 4 5 9 | 10 14 3 | 0 5 10 | 0 2 0 | 0 10 0 | 42 11 3 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented ... ... ... ... ... ... | 315 |
| Volumes purchased .. ... ... ... ... ... | 170 |
| Volumes in stock ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6192 |
| Total number of issues ... ... ... ... ... | 80401 |
| Total issue since July, 1905 ... ... ... ... | 259646 |
| Average daily issues .. ... ... ... ... ... | 319 |
| Number of borrowers enrolled ... ... ... ... | 1494 |
| Number of tickets in force ... ... ... ... ... | 2219 |
| Overdue books written for ... ... ... ... ... | 877 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1908) ... ... ... ... | 41500 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £179695 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... ... | £675 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted ... ... ... ... | 1904 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. E. Potts | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... ... | July 31st 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield, J.P.) ... | Sept. 29th, 1906 |
| Adoption of Open Access decided upon .. ... | March 18th, 1907 |
| Carnegie Public Library Opened by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P. ... | October 19th, 1907 |
| "Readers' Review" first issue ... ... | August, 1908 |
| First Lecture given ... ... ... ... | October, 1908. |
| Delivery Branches opened at Peel Green and Winton ... ... ... | November 2nd, 1908 |

# The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room.

## DAILY.

Daily Dispatch
„ Graphic
Liverpool Post
London Daily Chronicle
„ „ News.
„ „ Telegraph (2 copies).
„ „ Times
Manchester Courier (2 copies).
„ Guardian (2 copies).
„ Evening Chronicle (3 copies).
„ News (3 copies)
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Post

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News.
Athenæum.
*Autocar.
*Blackpool Herald
* „ Times
Boy's Own Paper
*British Architect
*British Journal of Photography
Building News
*Christian
*Christian Endeavour Times
Chums
*Civil Service Gazette
* „ „ Hints
* „ „ Weekly
*Clarion
*Colliery Guardian
*Co-operative News
Cotton Factory Times
Eccles Advertiser
„ Journal
„ Telegraph
*Education
Electrical Engineer
Electrical Review
Engineer
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Exchange and Mart
Focus
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Home Notes
Illustrated London News
*Irish Cyclist
*Justice
Labour Leader
„ News
Lady's Pictorial
Ladies Field
*Local Government Journal
M.A.P.
Madame
Manchester City News
*Model Engineer
*Motor Car Journal
* „ News
*Nation
New Penny Magazine
*Patents' Illustrated Official Journal
Pendleton Reporter
*Practical Engineer
Penny Pictorial

## WEEKLY.—continued.

Punch
Queen
*School Guardian
Sketch
Spectator
*Syren
T.P's Weekly
*Textile Mercury
Tit-Bits
Woman Worker

## MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist
*Animal's Friend
*Arbitrator
Bradshaw's Guide, 2d. and 6d.
C. B. Fry's Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Child's Companion
*Church Missionary Gleaner
*Concord
*Decorator
Fortnightly Review
Girl's Own Paper
*Gt. Western Railway Magazine
*Harvest
*Herald of Health
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal
*Insurance Agent's Review
Knowledge
*Liberal Monthly
*Literary Guide
Literary World
London Magazine
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Home Reading Union
Nineteenth Century
Our Own Magazine
*Musical Herald
Pall Mall Magazine
Pearson's Magazine
Positivist Review
Quiver
*Returns of the Deaths of Seamen
Royal Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Textile Recorder
*Travellers' Gazette
*Unionist Gazette
*Vegetarian Messenger
Wide World Magazine
Windsor Magazine
*Zoophilist

## QUARTERLY.

*Art Needlework
*National Temperance Quarterly
Patents

* Presented.

# In the Reference Room.

## DIRECTORIES.

*Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool
Kelly's Cheshire
,, Lancashire
,, Post Office, London
*Macdonald's English Directory
*Paton's List of Schools
Post Office Guide
*Practical Advertising
Slater's Manchester, Salford and suburban

## RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Caledonian
Cheshire Lines
Glasgow & South Western
Great Central
Great Northern
Great Western
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London, Brighton & South Coast
London & North Western
Midland

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

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SIXTH

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

# Public Libraries Committee

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31st, 1911.

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# BOROUGH OF ECCLES.

## SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIES COMMITTEE.

THE Committee have pleasure in presenting their Report for the year ending 31st March, 1911, being the sixth since the establishment of the Public Library in Eccles.

It is gratifying once more to be able to report a year of great usefulness and progress in the various departments of the institution. The increasing use of the Library by the general public and students of all ages, proves that the Public Library is growing more and more valuable, in public estimation as a centre of education. The routine work of the Library has proceeded throughout the year in the smoothest possible way.

In consequence of the extension of public educational institutions, elementary, technical, and secondary, the demands upon the Public Libraries have not only increased but altered in character, and funds are needed to meet these demands. The rapid advance that is being made in the various Sciences and Arts, makes it absolutely necessary for young men and women to be able to obtain, at first hand, knowledge concerning the best principles, practices, and approved methods in particular trades and industries. Practice and Theory must go together and as the Municipality provides the Technical Instruction the student naturally looks to the same authority to provide the means for Theoretical Instruction through its Public Library.

### Library Stock.

The number of books contained in the Library is as follows:—

**In the Lending Department:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences ... ... ... ... ... | 305 |
| B. | Useful Arts ... ... ... ... ... | 191 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts ... ... ... | 182 |
| D. | Social and Political Science ... ... | 195 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion ... ... ... | 381 |
| F. | History and Geography ... ... ... | 328 |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| G. | Biography and Correspondence ... ... | 532 |
| H. | Language and Literature ... ... ... | 147 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama ... ... ... ... | 428 |
| K. | Prose Fiction ... ... ... ... | 2123 |
| L. | Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... | 345 |
| | | 5557 |

**In the Reference Department:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences ... ... ... ... ... | 80 |
| B. | Useful Arts ... ... ... ... ... | 206 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts ... ... ... | 65 |
| D. | Social and Political Science ... ... | 160 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion ... ... ... | 25 |
| F. | History and Geography ... ... ... | 340 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence ... ... | 62 |
| H. | Language and Literature ... ... ... | 116 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama ... ... ... ... | 26 |
| L. | Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... | 305 |
| | | 1385 |

a total of 6942 volumes. During the year 629 volumes have been added to the Lending Department, and 121 to the Reference Department, making a total increase of 750 volumes.

The heavy turn over of the books naturally causes a considerable amount of wear and tear, but on the whole the books are carefully used. The Committee have replaced by new copies, a number of books which had become worn out, 73 volumes have been rebound. In the near future a number of the most popular works of fiction will require rebinding. The staff have been responsible for the repairs to 1469 volumes, 312 volumes have been re-cased, and 629 volumes have been lettered and numbered.

At the Annual Stocktaking in March last, seven volumes, value 14s. 8d., could not be accounted for. As occurred last year, it is anticipated that most of these volumes will be recovered. The number of books permanently lost to the Libraries appears insignificant, while the advantages of direct access to the shelves are inestimable.

## Issues.

The total issue for the year is again the highest in the history of the Libraries. It was 100,372 volumes, showing that the work done by the

Libraries has very considerably increased, the issues exceeding that of the previous year by 19,971 volumes.

This increase has been distributed over all classes of Literature, the most noticeable being in Science, Useful Arts, History and Biography.

The issues were made up as follows :—

| | |
|---|---|
| Reference Library ... ... ... ... | 36,651 |
| Central Lending Library ... ... ... | 57,695 |
| Peel Green Branch ... ... ... ... | 2,924 |
| Winton Branch ... ... ... ... ... | 3,102 |
| | 100,372 |

The number of books circulated since the establishment of the Libraries in 1905, has now reached the total of 360,018. Last year's issue was noticeable for the low percentage of fiction. This year a further decrease has to be recorded from 46·78 to 44·42 per cent. This steady decrease of lighter reading and the corresponding increase of more serious reading is a matter for congratulation. It is not, however, sought to deprecate the issues of such works of fiction as the Library contains, for these are mostly of a high standard. The issue of non-fictional works during the year amounted to 55,777. It is impossible for so many books to be without influence on those who read them, though that influence is not measurable in figures. The real work performed by the Public Library is not amenable to statistical presentment.

A careful examination of the books shows that by giving access to the shelves many books which are not well-known are freely used.

## Borrowers' Cards.

The number of borrowers on the register of the Lending Libraries at the 31st March, 1911, was 2401, an increase of 192 over the previous year. A number of readers have taken advantage of the extra (Students') ticket allowed. The table of the occupations of new borrowers shows how the Library is used by all classes.

The number of persons, residing outside the Borough, who pay a subscription for the privilege of using the Library is six.

## Overdue Books.

The fines paid by borrowers during the year for the detention of books beyond the time allowed for reading amounted to £23 17s. 2d, an increase of £3 8s. 3d. upon last year. The recovery of overdue books involves much work upon the staff as will be seen when it is considered that 1251 post cards

and letters were sent for overdue books. As usual, a number of cases where books were detained had to be personally investigated. This work was successfully accomplished and not one book was lost to the Libraries in this way.

## Reference Department.

The Reference Library, perhaps the most important part of the Public Library service, has continued to do good work. It is a daily duty to answer questions on innumerable subjects, during the year many inquiries have been dealt with and it has usually been possible to furnish the information desired, few may know the importance of the work done in this department except those directly benefiting.

The issues have increased from 27,549 last year to 36,651. This extremely satisfactory increase of 9,102 volumes, serves to show how the Library gradually becomes an integral part of the life of the inhabitants of the Borough.

It is hoped to further increase the usefulness of this department in the near future by the provision of additional important works of Reference.

## Reading Room.

One noticeable element of the year's work has been the remarkable increase in the attendance in the Reading Room, the room is often overcrowded. There have been 150,097 aggregate attendances (counted hourly) during the year, as compared with 116,723 in the previous year.

The general conduct of readers both as regards the order kept and the care of the papers, &c., considering the frequently crowded state of the room, is very satisfactory.

The Committee, however, regret that during the year, it has been found necessary to prosecute one youth for wilful damage to a periodical, and four other youths for disorderly behaviour in the Library.

A few changes have been made in the list of periodicals supplied to this room, every effort is made to make the list of papers as interesting and generally useful as possible.

## Lectures.

During the last session seven lectures were given:—

"Another Chat about Old Manchester" ..... Mr. T. Swindells.
"Halley's Comet and others" ..... Mr. W. T. Alexander, J.P.
"Ideals of Capital and Labour in the Middle Ages" Very Rev. A. Poock, D.D.
"Aerial Navigation" ..... Mr. J. W. Carr.
"How Worlds are made" ..... Rev. J. F. Shepherd, M.A.

"The Historical development of the Violoncello and its music"
Mr. J. Richardson.
"The River Dee from Source to Sea" ..... ..... Mr. W. Booth.

The lectures were again of a very high standard. The intervention of a General Election interfered with the attendance, there being an average of only 225 persons at each lecture. The audiences were appreciative, although they appeared somewhat small in numbers, in the large room at the Town Hall.

The Committee return their heartiest thanks to the various lecturers who kindly gave their services, and to Mr. W. I. Scholes and Mr. R. Fletcher for their skilful working of the lantern on several occasions. Thanks are also tendered to the Finance Committee for their kindness in having again granted the use of the Town Hall free of charge.

## Donations.

Many donations of books and other publications have been received during the year, and to each donor the thanks of the Committee has been duly tendered. The collection of portraits of the past Mayors of the Borough has been added to by gifts from Alderman W. J. Nuttall, J.P., Alderman T. Thompson, and Mrs. W. S. Boddington. Mr. E. Parkes, Town Clerk, has presented a photograph of the visit of King Edward VII to Eccles.

A complete list of donors is printed in the appendix to this report.

## Delivery Branches.

The Delivery Branches have proved a distinct success and are greatly appreciated by the residents. During the year 2,924 volumes have been issued from the Peel Green Branch, and 3,102 from Winton. Classified Catalogues of all the books in the Libraries can be consulted at each branch, and borrowers using these Branches are requested to make application for any particular book desired from the Central Library, if available these books are forwarded to the branches. A large box of books is exchanged between the Central Library and each branch about once every month. In addition, books are constantly being interchanged by borrowers between the Central Library and Branches. The Committee regret that the present stock of books in the Libraries will not permit any extension of these facilities.

## Library Association.

In October, 1910, the North Western Branch of the Library Association held a successful meeting in Eccles and were received and entertained by the Committee, some 60 members attending.

This meeting was exceedingly interesting and instructive. An exhibition of new books was held in the Library.

Important addresses were given by Councillor W. Scott Forbes, and by Alderman Plummer, J.P., of Manchester, excellent speeches were also made by Councillor Farnie, J.P., Dr. W. E. A. Axon, Dr. Scarr, Mr. C. W. Sutton, M.A., Mr. G. T. Shaw, and many others.

## Holiday Information.

The display of holiday literature was repeated during the summer, and was extensively used, and greatly appreciated by the public.

## Subscription Library.

The Committee have had before them the question of establishing a "Subscription Library" or "Book Club," in connection with the Public Library. It was however, considered undesirable to open such a department.

## Public Libraries Bill.

At the Annual Conference of the Library Association the Law and Parliamentary Committee gave a very optimistic report on the Public Libraries Bill. The Government was prepared, as well as representatives of every political party, to support the Bill.

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The Committee are satisfied that a great deal of valuable work is being done by the Public Libraries, and are of the opinion that the result of the year's work is exceedingly gratifying.

W. SCOTT FORBES, *Chairman.*
ARTHUR FARNIE, *Vice-Chairman.*
CHAS. J. MELLOR, *Borough Librarian.*

## Donors of Books, Pamphlets, &c., to the Public Library, year ended 31st March, 1911.

Boddington, Mrs. W. S. Framed Portrait of the late Mr. W. S. Boddington.
Bramwell Booth, Mr. 1 Volume.
Bradshaw, Mr. C., J.P. 41 Volumes.
Burrow, E. J. 118 " Borough Guides "
Convenant Publishing Co. 1 Volume.
Cremer, Rev. F. D. 8 Volumes.
Director, British Museum (Nat. Hist.) 6 Volumes.
Fanthorpe, Mr. Geo. 7 Volumes.
Gardner, Mrs. A. 18 Volumes.
Gardner, Messrs. L. & Sons. Ltd. 24 Volumes.
Goodall, Mr. A. A. E. 5 Volumes.
Grindle, Councillor, J.P. 20 Volumes.
Independent Labour Party, Eccles. 21 Volumes.
Lawrence, Sir E. Durning. 4 Volumes.
Layton, Messrs. C. & E., London. 2 Volumes.
Library Reports :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Ashton under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bodleian Library Oxford, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cambridge University Library, Cardiff, Cripplegate Institute, Croydon, Doncaster, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Haslingdon, Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Ilkley, Kettering, Kingstone-on-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Leyland, Loughborough, Manchester, Nelson, Nottingham, Preston, Rawtenstall, Richmond, Runcorn, Salford, Shoreditch, St. Annes-on-Sea, Stirling and Glasgow, St. Louis, U.S.A., Stockport, Taunton, Walthamstow, Warrington, Waterloo with Seaforth, West Bromwich, Widnes, Wigan, Willesden.
Mann, Mr., Swinton. 1 Volume.
Marsden, Mr. R. 2 Volumes.
Marten, Mrs. 14 Volumes.
Medical Officer of Health, Eccles. 2 Volumes.
Morris, Mr. 1 Volume.
Newburn, Ellis & Pryor, London, E.C. 1 Volume.
Norris, Mr. J. 1 Volume.
Nuttall, Mr. Alderman J.P. Framed portrait.
Parkes, E. Esq. Photograph of King's Visit to Worsley.
Paton, J. & J., London. 1 Volume.

Platt, Mr. W., Derbyshire. 2 Volumes.
Poulton, F. C. 2 Volumes. Model of Plymouth Breakwater.
Publishers, Daily News. 1 Volume.
Publishers, Stage Year Book. 1 Volume.
Scientific Publishing Co. 1 Volume.
Secretary, Incorporated Accountants' Journal. 1 Volume.
Secretary, Pendleton Co-operative Society. 1 Volume.
Sharpe, Miss, London. 12 Volumes.
Singleton, Mr., Accrington. 1 Volume.
Sutton, Mr. C. W., Manchester. 2 Volumes.
Town Clerks—Guides to:—Aberdeen, Abergavenny, Aberystwyth, Barry, Basingstoke, Beckenham, Bedford, Berwick, Bexhill, Blackpool, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Brittany, Bury St. Edmunds, Buxton, Cardigan, Carnarvon, Cheltenham, Chepstowe, Chester, Clacton-on-Sea, Cleethorpes, Cleeve Hill, Cork, Croydon, Deal, Dorking, Dumfries, Ealing, Eastbourne, East-Grinstead, Elgin and Lossiemouth, Exeter, Falmouth, Farnham, Felixstowe, Fife, Finchley, Folkestone, Forest of Dean, Fulham, Gloucester, Hampton, Harrogate, Hartlepool, Hastings, Hitchin, Hoylake, Ilfracombe, Ilkley, Inverness, Keswick, Kidderminster, Kingston-on-Thames, Lewes, Llandrindod, Llandudno, Londonderry, Lytham, Marlborough, Margate, Maryport, Matlock, Morecambe, Newbury, Northwich, Norwich, Perth, Plymouth, Ramsgate, Reigate, Rhyl, Ripon, Salisbury, Sandown, Seaford, Sheringham, Southend, Southport, Southwold, Stirling, Stratford-on-Avon, Stromness, Sudbury, Surbiton, Sutton-Coldfield, Swanage, Taunton, Torquay, Trowbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Ventnor, Weymouth, Whitley Bay, Winchester, Windermere, Woodford, Woodhall Spa, Worthing, Great Yarmouth, York.
Thompson, Mr. Alderman. Framed portrait.

## Donations. Newspapers and Periodicals.

| | |
|---|---|
| Blackpool Corporation | Blackpool Gazette News, Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times. |
| Cook, Messrs T. & Sons. | Travellers' Gazette. |
| Morris, Mrs. | Votes for Women. |
| Pritchard, Mr. H. L. | Autocar, Irish Cyclist, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated. |
| The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. | The Co-operative News. |
| Social Democratic Federation. | Justice. |
| Alderman J. F. Wilkinson, J.P. | Nation. |

*The Publishers of the following Papers—*

Agricultural Economist.
Alliance News.
Animal's Friend.
Arbitrator.
Art Needlework.
British Architect.
British Journal of Photography.
Catholic Herald.
Child's Companion.
Christian.
Christian Endeavour Times.
Church Missionary Gleaner.
Civil Service Gazette.
Civil Service Hints.
Clark's Weekly.
Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
Colliery Guardian.
Concord.
Decorator.
Education.
English Churchman.
Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harvest.
Herald of Health.
Insurance Agents' Journal.
Liberal Monthly.
Literary Guide.
Local Government Chronicle.
Local Government Journal.
L.G.O.
Model Engineer.
Musical Herald.
Nation in Arms.
National Church.
National Temperance Quarterly.
Patents Illustrated Official Journal.
Patents.
Photography.
Positivist Review.
Practical Engineer.
School Guardian.
Syren.
Textile Mercury.
Textile Recorder.
Unionist Gazette.
Vegetarian Messenger.
Zoophilist.

## TABLE I.—LENDING DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1910 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 146 | 160 | 167 | 129 | 151 | 258 | 171 | 133 | 172 | 3893 | 141 | 5521 | 22 | 251 |
| May | 169 | 145 | 174 | 131 | 139 | 247 | 165 | 137 | 154 | 3377 | 146 | 4984 | 19 | 262 |
| June | 135 | 141 | 155 | 120 | 127 | 229 | 165 | 133 | 140 | 3228 | 129 | 4702 | 21 | 224 |
| July | 129 | 136 | 165 | 107 | 113 | 205 | 167 | 116 | 134 | 3518 | 127 | 4917 | 22 | 224 |
| August | 151 | 139 | 139 | 117 | 125 | 205 | 173 | 122 | 136 | 3504 | 117 | 4928 | 22 | 224 |
| September | 174 | 167 | 170 | 137 | 159 | 212 | 191 | 133 | 134 | 3615 | 121 | 5213 | 21 | 248 |
| October | 191 | 189 | 175 | 144 | 176 | 253 | 213 | 123 | 135 | 3925 | 134 | 5658 | 22 | 257 |
| November | 171 | 180 | 176 | 140 | 161 | 278 | 219 | 121 | 122 | 3976 | 127 | 5671 | 22 | 258 |
| December | 140 | 149 | 152 | 124 | 122 | 210 | 190 | 105 | 113 | 3540 | 115 | 4960 | 20 | 248 |
| **1911** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 204 | 187 | 187 | 155 | 152 | 268 | 218 | 149 | 146 | 4226 | 144 | 6036 | 21 | 287 |
| February | 175 | 159 | 172 | 141 | 142 | 243 | 200 | 138 | 172 | 3838 | 135 | 5515 | 20 | 276 |
| March | 157 | 157 | 168 | 136 | 155 | 263 | 192 | 158 | 142 | 3955 | 133 | 5616 | 22 | 255 |
| Total | 1942 | 1909 | 2000 | 1581 | 1722 | 2871 | 2264 | 1568 | 1700 | 44595 | 1569 | 63721 | 254 | 251 |
| Total issue last year | 1500 | 1466 | 1533 | 1258 | 1416 | 2151 | 1877 | 1198 | 1477 | 37613 | 1363 | 52852 | 242 | 218 |

Thursday 3 hours, Saturday 7 hours counted as one day.

## TABLE II.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued and daily average.

| 1910. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 76 | 84 | 64 | 92 | 78 | 98 | 70 | 78 | 108 | 2361 | 3109 | 26 | 120 |
| May | 80 | 70 | 71 | 62 | 99 | 127 | 84 | 112 | 65 | 1875 | 2645 | 22 | 120 |
| June | 84 | 59 | 66 | 60 | 100 | 84 | 90 | 81 | 63 | 2273 | 2960 | 26 | 114 |
| July | 81 | 82 | 76 | 79 | 95 | 105 | 112 | 74 | 64 | 2281 | 3049 | 26 | 117 |
| August | 63 | 50 | 72 | 77 | 87 | 155 | 110 | 86 | 56 | 2279 | 3035 | 26 | 117 |
| September | 88 | 85 | 85 | 64 | 101 | 85 | 102 | 100 | 72 | 2268 | 3050 | 26 | 117 |
| October | 66 | 78 | 76 | 79 | 100 | 122 | 136 | 96 | 68 | 2248 | 3069 | 26 | 118 |
| November | 67 | 70 | 83 | 97 | 119 | 202 | 141 | 106 | 92 | 2269 | 3246 | 26 | 125 |
| December | 108 | 105 | 103 | 129 | 115 | 123 | 120 | 123 | 124 | 2141 | 3191 | 25 | 128 |
| 1911 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 92 | 107 | 94 | 116 | 108 | 117 | 101 | 123 | 99 | 1919 | 2876 | 25 | 115 |
| February | 83 | 99 | 91 | 102 | 114 | 108 | 120 | 119 | 99 | 2003 | 2938 | 24 | 122 |
| March | 106 | 117 | 116 | 133 | 142 | 153 | 155 | 114 | 125 | 2322 | 3483 | 27 | 129 |
| Total | 994 | 1006 | 997 | 1090 | 1258 | 1479 | 1341 | 1212 | 1035 | 26239 | 36651 | 305 | 120 |
| Total issue last year | 445 | 384 | 503 | 545 | 623 | 768 | 699 | 717 | 505 | 22360 | 27549 | 273 | 101 |

## TABLE III.—ISSUES of LENDING & REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1910. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | K Ficton. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 222 | 244 | 231 | 221 | 229 | 356 | 241 | 211 | 280 | 3893 | 2502 | 8630 | 371 |
| May | 249 | 215 | 245 | 193 | 238 | 374 | 249 | 249 | 219 | 3377 | 2021 | 7629 | 382 |
| June | 219 | 200 | 221 | 180 | 227 | 313 | 255 | 214 | 203 | 3228 | 2402 | 7662 | 338 |
| July | 210 | 218 | 241 | 186 | 208 | 310 | 279 | 190 | 198 | 3518 | 2408 | 7966 | 341 |
| August | 214 | 189 | 211 | 194 | 212 | 360 | 283 | 208 | 192 | 3504 | 2396 | 7963 | 341 |
| September | 262 | 252 | 255 | 201 | 260 | 297 | 293 | 233 | 206 | 3615 | 2389 | 8263 | 365 |
| October | 257 | 267 | 251 | 223 | 276 | 375 | 349 | 219 | 203 | 3925 | 2382 | 8727 | 375 |
| November | 238 | 250 | 259 | 237 | 280 | 480 | 360 | 227 | 214 | 3976 | 2396 | 8917 | 383 |
| December | 248 | 254 | 255 | 253 | 237 | 333 | 310 | 228 | 237 | 3546 | 2256 | 8151 | 376 |
| 1911 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 296 | 294 | 281 | 271 | 260 | 385 | 319 | 272 | 245 | 4226 | 2063 | 8912 | 402 |
| February | 258 | 258 | 263 | 243 | 256 | 351 | 320 | 257 | 271 | 3838 | 2138 | 8453 | 398 |
| March | 263 | 274 | 284 | 269 | 297 | 416 | 347 | 272 | 267 | 3955 | 2455 | 9099 | 384 |
| Total | 2936 | 2915 | 2997 | 2671 | 2980 | 4350 | 3605 | 2780 | 2735 | 44595 | 27808 | 100372 | 371 |
| Total issue last year | 1945 | 1850 | 2036 | 1803 | 2039 | 2919 | 2576 | 1915 | 1982 | 37613 | 23723 | 80401 | 319 |

# TABLE IV.

## Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Department. | Percent-age. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Percent-age. | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Percentage of issue to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1942 | 3·04 | 994 | 2·71 | 2936 | 2·92 |
| B | 1909 | 2·99 | 1006 | 2·74 | 2915 | 2·90 |
| C | 2000 | 3·13 | 997 | 2·72 | 2997 | 2·98 |
| D | 1581 | 2·48 | 1090 | 2·97 | 2671 | 2·66 |
| E | 1722 | 2·70 | 1258 | 3·43 | 2980 | 2·96 |
| F | 2871 | 4·50 | 1479 | 4·03 | 4350 | 4·33 |
| G | 2264 | 3·55 | 1341 | 3·65 | 3605 | 3·59 |
| H | 1568 | 2·46 | 1212 | 3·30 | 2780 | 2·76 |
| J | 1700 | 2·66 | 1035 | 2·82 | 2735 | 2·72 |
| K | 44595 | 69·98 | ... | ... | 44595 | 44·42 |
| L | 1569 | 2·46 | 26239 | 71·59 | 27808 | 27·70 |
| | 63721 | | 36651 | | 100372 | |

## TABLE V.

### Shewing Occupations of New Borrowers.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Accountants | 2 | Errand Boys | 4 | Railway Servants | 8 |
| Agents | 11 | Fireman | 1 | Rubber Workers | 2 |
| Analyst | 1 | Fitters | 9 | Salesmen | 8 |
| Apprentices | 13 | Furniture Salesman | 1 | Saleswomen | 4 |
| Architects | 2 | Governesses | 2 | Sanitary Inspectors | 2 |
| Bank Clerk | 1 | Grocers | 5 | Scholars | 22 |
| Blacksmiths | 2 | House-keepers | 19 | School Attendance Officer | 1 |
| Booking Clerk | 1 | Iron Turners | 5 | Schoolmasters | 4 |
| Bootmakers | 5 | Insurance Agents | 4 | Secretaries | 2 |
| Brass Finishers | 2 | Joiner | 1 | Sewing Mistresses | 3 |
| Bricklayers | 3 | Journalists | 3 | Shop Assistants | 13 |
| Building Contractors | 3 | Journeyman | 1 | Shopkeepers | 3 |
| Butchers | 4 | Labourers | 2 | Slate Merchants | 2 |
| Buyers | 3 | Laundress | 1 | Soldier | 1 |
| Cabinet Maker | 1 | Lecturer | 1 | Solicitors | 2 |
| Caretaker | 1 | Lithographic Artist | 1 | Spinner | 1 |
| Carters | 4 | Locomotive Firemen | 3 | Storekeeper | 1 |
| Cashiers | 5 | Machinists | 4 | Students | 20 |
| Chartered Accountant | 1 | Maker-up | 1 | Surveyor | 1 |
| Charwoman | 1 | Managers | 7 | Tailors | 8 |
| Chemists | 5 | Mechanics | 2 | Teachers | 36 |
| Civil Engineer | 1 | Medical Practitioner | 1 | Telegraphists | 3 |
| Clerks | 69 | Milliners | 2 | Timekeepers | 2 |
| Clerk in Holy Orders | 1 | Ministers | 4 | Townsman | 1 |
| Coach Builders | 2 | Motor Mechanics | 2 | Tripe Dresser | 1 |
| Coal Agent | 1 | Moulder | 1 | Typists | 9 |
| Commercial Travellers | 13 | Musician | 1 | Vocalist | 1 |
| Confectioners | 12 | Nurses | 6 | Waitress | 1 |
| Cook | 1 | Organists | 2 | Warehousemen | 10 |
| Cotton Manufacturers | 8 | Packer | 1 | Watchmakers | 2 |
| Dentist | 1 | Painters | 4 | Window Cleaner | 1 |
| Designer | 1 | Pattern Makers | 5 | Wood Turner | 1 |
| Domestic Servants | 6 | Photographers | 2 | Persons giving no occupation | 262 |
| Drapers | 3 | Piano Dealer | 1 | | |
| Draughtsmen | 5 | Plasterers | 2 | | |
| Dressmakers | 3 | Plumbers | 2 | | |
| Drillers | 2 | Police Pensioners | 2 | Total | 815 |
| Dyers | 2 | Postman | 1 | | |
| Electricians | 6 | Postal Clerk | 1 | | |
| Engineers | 32 | Printers | 5 | | |
| Engine Drivers | 2 | Pupil Teachers | 4 | | |

### Wards in which Borrowers Reside.

| | |
|---|---|
| North-East or Monton and Park Ward | 236 |
| East Central or Eccles Ward | 168 |
| South-East or Irwell Ward | 93 |
| West Central or Patricroft Ward | 116 |
| South-West or Barton Ward | 71 |
| West or Winton Ward | 131 |
| | 815 |

## TABLE VI.

### An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Lecture Tickets. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. | Damage to Books. Lost Books. | Subscriptions from persons residing outside the Borough. | Total Receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1910 | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| April | 2 3 0 | 0 9 1 | ..... | 0 2 0 | 0 0 5 | ..... | ..... | 2 14 6 |
| May | 2 5 11 | 0 7 4 | ..... | 0 4 10 | 0 0 2 | ..... | ..... | 2 18 3 |
| June | 2 4 4 | 0 7 6 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 2 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 2 14 6 |
| July | 1 18 10 | 0 8 9 | ..... | 0 1 3 | 0 0 3 | ..... | ..... | 2 9 1 |
| August | 2 6 3 | 0 6 11 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 0 0 3 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 2 18 5 |
| September | 1 9 1 | 0 12 9 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 5 | 0 4 0 | 0 2 6 | 2 8 9 |
| October | 1 16 4 | 0 16 3 | 0 0 9 | 0 0 3 | 0 0 8 | ..... | 0 5 0 | 2 19 3 |
| November | 1 17 6 | 0 16 8 | 0 1 6 | 0 0 2 | 0 0 5 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 2 18 9 |
| December | 1 16 9 | 0 10 11 | ..... | 1 11 6 | 0 0 4 | ..... | ..... | 3 19 6 |
| 1911 | | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 6 10 | 0 14 1 | 0 1 6 | 2 17 0 | 0 0 4 | ..... | ..... | 5 19 9 |
| February | 1 15 3 | 0 12 9 | 0 4 9 | 1 15 2 | 0 0 10 | ..... | ..... | 4 8 9 |
| March | 1 17 1 | 0 6 8 | ..... | ..... | 0 0 5 | ..... | ..... | 2 4 2 |
| Total | 23 17 2 | 6 9 8 | 0 8 6 | 6 14 8 | 0 4 8 | 0 4 0 | 0 15 0 | 38 13 8 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented ... ... ... ... ... ... | 205 |
| Volumes purchased .. ... ... ... ... ... | 424 |
| Volumes in stock ... ... ... ... ... ... | 6942 |
| Total number of issues ... ... ... ... ... | 100372 |
| Total issue since July, 1905 ... ... ... ... | 360018 |
| Average daily issues... ... ... ... ... ... | 371 |
| Number of borrowers on the register ... .. ... | 2401 |
| Overdue books written for ... ... ... ... ... | 1251 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population (Estimated 1910) ... ... ... ... | 42500 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... ... | £181078 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate ... ... ... ... | £691 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted ... ... ... ... | 1904 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. E. Potts | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... ... | July 31st, 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield, J.P.) ... | Sept. 29th, 1906 |
| Adoption of Open Access decided upon .. ... | March 18th, 1907 |
| Carnegie Public Library Opened by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P. ... | October 19th, 1907 |
| First Lecture given ... ... .. ... | October, 1908. |
| Delivery Branches opened at Peel Green and Winton ... ... .. | November 2nd, 1908 |

# The following Newspapers and Periodicals can be seen in the Reading Room.

## DAILY.

Daily Dispatch
„ Graphic
Liverpool Post
London Daily Chronicle
„ „ News
„ „ Telegraph (2 copies)
London Daily Times
Manchester Courier
„ Guardian (2 copies)
„ Evening Chronicle (3 copies)
„ „ News (3 copies)
Yorkshire Post

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News
Aspirant
Athenæum
*Autocar
*Blackpool Gazette
* „ Herald
* „ Times
Boy's Own Paper
*British Architect
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
*British Journal of Photography
Building News
Canadian Century
Catholic Herald
*Christian
Chums
*Civil Service Gazette
* „ „ Hints
*Clarion
Clark's Weekly
*Colliery Guardian
Contractors' Record
*Co-operative News
Cotton Factory Times
Eccles Journal (2 copies)
„ Telegraph
*Education
Electrical Engineer
Electrical Review
Engineer
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Exchange and Mart
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Great Thoughts
Illustrated London News
*Irish Cyclist
*Justice
Labour Leader
„ News
Lady's Pictorial
Ladies Field
*Local Government Chronicle
*Local Government Journal
*L.G.O.
Madame
Manchester City News
*Model Engineer
*Motor Car Journal
* „ News
*Nation
*Patents Illustrated Official Journal
Pendleton Reporter
*Practical Engineer
Photography
Punch

## WEEKLY—*continued.*

Queen
*School Guardian
Sketch
Spectator
*Syren
T.P's Weekly
*Textile Mercury
Tit-Bits
Votes for Women.

## MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist
*Animal's Friend
*Arbitrator
Band of Hope Review
Bookman
Bradshaw's Guide, 2d. and 6d.
British Workman
Captain
Cassell's Magazine
Chambers's Journal
*Child's Companion
*Church Missionary Gleaner
*Concord
Conservative and Unionist
Contemporary
Correspondent
*Decorator
English Illustrated Magazine
Free Trader
Girl's Own Paper
*Gt. Western Railway Magazine
*Harvest
*Herald of Health
Herald of the Cross
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal
*Insurance Agent's Review
Knowledge
Lady's World
*Liberal Monthly
*Literary Guide
Literary World
London Magazine
Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform
Musical Herald
Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
National Home Reading Union
Nineteenth Century
Pall Mall Magazine
Pearson's Magazine
Positivist Review
*Returns of the Deaths of Seamen
Review of Reviews
Royal Magazine
Scholar's Own Magazine
Socialist Review
Strand Magazine
*Textile Recorder
*Travellers' Gazette
*Unionist Gazette
*Vegetarian Messenger
Wide World Magazine
Windsor Magazine
Woman at Home
*Zoophilist.

## QUARTERLY.

*Art Needlework
*National Temperance Quarterly
Patents,

# In the Reference Room.

## DIRECTORIES.

*Advertisers' A.B.C.
Gore's Liverpool
Kelly's Cheshire
,, Lancashire
,, Post Office, London
*Macdonald's English Directory
*Paton's List of Schools
Post Office Guide
*Practical Advertising
Slater's Manchester, Salford and suburban.

* Presented.

## RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

Caledonian
Cheshire Lines
Glasgow and South Western
Great Central
Great Northern
Great Western
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London, Brighton & South Coast
London & North Western
Midland

Port of Manchester Official Sailing List.

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# Borough of Eccles.

## Seventh Annual Report of the Public Libraries Committee.

IN submitting the Seventh Annual Report, the Committee are pleased to record the fact that the libraries have maintained their popularity and usefulness. The public have exhibited a much more active interest in the welfare and progress of the institution, as well as a keener appreciation of the advantages now afforded by it. The Library may justly be considered a branch of the educational activities of the Borough.

The success of the Library is not to be measured by the aggregate number of volumes possessed, but by the use to which they are put. To say merely that Eccles possesses one Central Library and Two Delivery Branches gives no adequate idea of the influence of these institutions upon local life. But when the statistics of readers and issues are produced, it is possible to estimate the real power exercised by the Libraries. Few people have any conception of the amount of work done by the Public Libraries. It is calculated that during the year under review the individual Library services rendered, reach the huge total of 786,141. And for these services the rates provide the sum of £691, which works out at less than one farthing per service per annum. An amount totally inadequate. The work of the Libraries goes on increasing year by year, which is a clear token of public appreciation, and financial provisions are necessary to meet these growing public obligations. It is very apparent that the Acts under which the Library is established are over loaded with powers to perform public educational work which cannot, by any possibility, be satisfactorily carried out with the limited funds which the Acts allow for the purpose, development is almost impossible. Recent returns show that already 42 library authorities have found it necessary to secure special legislation in order to increase their revenues.

Although the actual number of books issued shows a slight decrease, as compared with the preceding year, probably due to the exceptionally fine summer and the Coronation Festivities intervening, the number of individual users of the Library has considerably increased.

Many administrative improvements introduced during the year have been received with much interest and approval on the part of the public, as will be seen by a perusal of this report. The routine work of the Library has proceeded throughout the year in the smoothest possible way.

## Library Stock.

The number of books contained in the Library is as follows:

In the Lending Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences ... ... ... ... ... | 328 |
| B. | Useful Arts ... ... ... ... ... | 202 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts ... ... ... | 234 |
| D. | Social and Political Science ... ... | 247 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion ... ... ... | 408 |
| F. | History and Geography ... ... ... | 811 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence ... ... | 641 |
| H. | Language and Literature ... ... ... | 196 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama ... ... ... ... | 448 |
| K. | Prose Fiction... ... ... ... ... | 2501 |
| L. | Miscellaneous... ... ... ... ... | 373 |
| | | 6389 |

In the Reference Department.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| A. | Sciences ... ... ... ... ... | 83 |
| B. | Useful Arts ... ... ... ... ... | 217 |
| C. | Fine and Recreative Arts ... ... ... | 69 |
| D. | Social and Political Science ... ... | 230 |
| E. | Philosophy and Religion ... ... ... | 26 |
| F. | History and Geography ... ... ... | 486 |
| G. | Biography and Correspondence ... ... | 68 |
| H. | Language and Literature ... ... ... | 131 |
| J. | Poetry and Drama ... ... ... ... | 23 |
| L. | Miscellaneous... ... ... ... ... | 352 |
| | | 1685 |

a total of 8,074 volumes. The additions during the year number 1,132 volumes, and are in the following subjects, viz:—Science, 26 volumes; Useful Arts, 22; Fine Arts, 56; Social Science, 122; Religion and Philosophy, 28; History, 229; Biography, 115; Language and Literature, 64; Poetry and the Drama, 17; Fiction, 378; and General Literature, 75; total 1,132 volumes.

Much care and attention has been given to the selection of new books, the Committee always keeping before them the requirements of students and the demand of the community for the means of self-improvement. It is their object to make it possible for the poorest to obtain the best books, and to make the Library a real school of self-help. Suggestions from readers, with regard to new books, which they would like to see added to the library, are welcomed and always receive careful consideration.

The heavy circulation of the books inevitably involves considerable wear and tear. In order to maintain the satisfactory condition of the books, the work of examining the stock is constantly in progress. The expenditure on re-binding, repairs, and the replacement of worn out books necessitated as the work of the library proceeds, is an item that will demand additional provision year by year. It is a matter for regret to observe the increased use that is now being made of very inferior printing papers in the making up of new books, and the very unservicable methods of casing new books. Special attention has been given to this work. During the year 159 volumes have been re-bound, 1,596 have been repaired and re-cased, and 832 books lettered and numbered. The stock is in good condition, the books being generally carefully used by readers.

### Issues.

The total issue for the year 1911-12 were made up as follows:

| | |
|---|---|
| Reference Library ... ... ... ... | 31,767 |
| Central Lending Library ... ... ... | 56,995 |
| Peel Green Branch ... ... ... ... | 2,787 |
| Winton Branch ... ... ... ... | 3,336 |
| Total ... | 94,885 |

This compares very favourably with the previous year, viz:—100,372. It will be seen on examination of the statistics appended that during the months May—September the issues were much below the average, evidently due to the exceptionally fine summer, but from October—March a notable increase is recorded.

The most satisfactory feature about the issues is the continued improvement in the educational character of the books read, with a corresponding decrease in the percentage of Fiction. There is a distinct and steady growth in the circulation of works of a non-

fiction character. The actual number of non-fiction works used during the year was 51,833, as compared with 55,777 in 1910-11.

The number of books consulted since the establishment of the Libraries in 1905, has now reached the total of 454,903.

### Borrowers' Cards.

The number of Borrowers on the register of the Lending Libraries at the 31st March, 1912, was 2620, an increase of 219 over the previous year. A number of supplementary tickets, available for non-fictional works, have been issued to readers.

There is a total absence of red tape in the issue of tickets. Alterations have been made in the Rules and Regulations, with a view to removing, as far as possible, all unnecessary restrictions.

A classification of the addresses, and occupations of borrowers will be found on page 20, from which it will be seen that the Library is well used by persons residing in all parts of the Borough. The occupations of borrowers reach a total of 230. It would be difficult to mention any occupation or profession which is not included, proving beyond doubt, that all classes avail themselves in one way or another, of the facilities offered.

### Overdue Books.

The number of Postal Notices sent to readers who had retained their books beyond the time specified in the Rules and Regulations was 1225. As a rule, borrowers are prompt in responding to these notices, requesting the return of the books. However as usual a number of cases had to be personally investigated, but the books were all ultimately recovered.

The amount received in fines was £22 19s. 5d.

Readers who are unable to get to the Library on the day on which their book is due to be returned, may avoid fines by forwarding to the Librarian a post card, requesting the renewal of the book for a further period.

### Reference Library.

The work of this department has again been one of steady progress and efficient service. It gives the Committee the greatest satisfaction to see the large number of students who avail themselves of the opportunity of the unrestricted use of a valuable Reference Library. This department has become a public study,

representatives of every class find their way hither in search of much needed information not otherwise so easily accessible. It is difficult to summarise the advantages which may be reaped with such facilities as a thoroughly equipped Reference Library affords. A good reference library is the most important side of the educational work of a public library. The Committee would point out, however, that anything like a complete collection of the necessary books is to be acquired only by years of careful attention and gradual accumulation. Many very important and very expensive volumes are still required for this department. The Committee sincerely regret that they are unable to provide all these books immediately, but will do so as the funds at their disposal permit. To-day there are more students than ever there were before, and the demand for books of reference is necessarily large. Many students have no opportunity of obtaining these books and would have to go without the knowledge contained therein if they could not use them in the public library.

## Local Collection.

It is hardly necessary to emphasize the very great importance of preserving all local records, etc., such records should be accessible to the public, under proper safeguards, and the Public Library is undoubtedly the best centre in which to store and exhibit them. It is not the desire of the Committee that this collection should be fostered at the expense of the general work of the Library, but rather to trust to the generosity of ladies and gentlemen and the friendly co-operation of local photographic and other societies, to make gifts to this section. Gifts of books, maps, pamphlets, photographs, prints, or other matter relating to the district will be most gratefully received.

## Reading Rooms.

The number of persons visiting the Reading Rooms is counted hourly. The result gives an aggregate attendance of 172,814 as compared with 150,097 last year. From careful and frequent observation it is noticed that each person remains in the room for 15 minutes (average). In this way it is estimated that 691,256 people used this department during the year. By this enormous use the accomodation of the rooms are often taxed to their utmost limit.

There is no question as to the popularity of these rooms. This increase has been continuous for seven years. On the whole the

conduct of the readers is satisfactory. Every effort is made to make the list of periodicals as generally useful as possible. It is noticed that the technical journals are particularly well used.

## Lectures.

The series of free public lectures were continued during the winter 1911-12. Four lectures were arranged as follows:—

"Six Centuries of Pictures" ..... Mr. B. D. Taylor.

"Some advantages and shortcomings of recent changes in the Criminal Laws, as they affect young people"
Mr. C. E. B. Russell, M.A.

"The Violoncello Music of the Great Composers"
Mr. James Richardson.

"Macbeth," a Study in Temptation..... Dr. E. Somers, J.P.

The attendances have been good and very appreciative. The many very excellent lectures which the Committee have arranged from time to time, and for which there is such evident need, are only made possible through the public spirit so generously displayed by the gentlemen who delivered them. Without the voluntary assistance of these lecturers the scheme could not be carried forward. In recognising the services of these gentlemen the Committee return their heartiest thanks. The free lecture given in connection with the use of a good library, seems to be the ideal university of the people.

## Donations.

Several donations of books, pamphlets, &c., have been received during the year, and the thanks of the Committee have been duly tendered in each case to the donors, particulars of which have been reported to the Council. A full list of the donors will be found on page 13. It is earnestly hoped that the library will continue to receive further gifts during the coming year.

## Delivery Branches.

These Branches have again been well used. During the year 2787 books have been issued from the Peel Green Branch and 3336 volumes from the Winton Branch. This convenience of being able to obtain and exchange books in the immediate neighbourhood of their homes is greatly esteemed by the residents in the Peel Green and Winton districts. When funds are available the needs of the Monton district will have to receive consideration.

## Reading Lists.

From time to time Reading Lists of books in the Libraries dealing with special subjects have been prepared and circulated, the following are some of the subjects, viz: Home Rule, Free Trade, Social Economics, Music, National Insurance, Books for Sunday School Teachers, Charles Dickens, &c. The readers have frequently expressed their appreciation of this method of bringing the resources of the Library on current topics under their notice.

## Rules and Regulations.

A thorough revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Library was undertaken during the year. It was felt that much of the success of the institution depends on the rules and regulations adopted for its conduct and management. Certain of the Rules which were drafted at the commencement, required modification. The regulations have been adopted with a view to protect the common proprietary rights, without penalizing any section of the community. The entire absence of red tape and unnecessary restrictions will add considerably to the Library's popularity.

## Holiday Information.

The collection of holiday literature brought together and placed at the disposal of the public in the Reference Library, during the summer months, was again found to be valuable, and was in constant use during the holiday season.

## Obituary.

The Committee record the deep sense of the loss which they have sustained by the death of Alderman Wilkinson, J.P. From the the opening of the Library he took a kindly interest in the working of the institution, and was always a generous donor. The late Alderman Wilkinson's long and valued interest in the affairs of the Library and of the town generally was acknowledged by special resolution embodied in the minutes of the Council.

## Extension of the Library.

The Committee have had placed before them a scheme for the proposed extension of the Library Building, by which it is intended to provide a much larger Reference Room, Reading Room, and accommodation for a much needed Children's Department, together

with a commodious Lecture Hall. At the time of writing the plans and the best means of accomplishing this end are still under consideration.

Owing to the growth of the work of the institution it has been found desirable to make certain alterations in the hours and duties of the staff, which it is believed will make for greater efficiency.

The Committee have pleasure in recording their appreciation of the efficient and painstaking service which has been rendered throughout the year by the Staff, all of whom have fulfilled their respective duties to the entire satisfaction of the public and the Committee.

Full statistical details of the work of the Library throughout the year will be found in the accompaning tables.

W. SCOTT FORBES, *Chairman.*
ARTHUR FARNIE, *Vice-Chairman.*
CHAS. J. MELLOR, *Borough Librarian.*

## Donors of Books Pamphlets, &c., to the Public Library, year ended 31st March, 1912.

Alexander, Mr. W. T., J.P. 20 Volumes.
Bradshaw, Mr. C., J.P. 2 Volumes.
Controller, H M. Stationery Office. 54 Volumes.
Cottrell, Mr. C. C. 1 Volume.
Cremer, Rev. F. D. 1 Volume.
Eccles Choral Society. 46 Volumes.
Eckersley, Mr. J. 2 Volumes.
Goodall, Mrs. 4 Volumes.
Grindle, Councillor, J.P. 1 Volume.
Heaton, Miss 11 Volumes.
Irish Press Agency, London. 5 Volumes.
Irish Unionist Alliance, Dublin. 4 Volumes.
Liberal Unionist Council. 3 Volumes.
Library Reports:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-in-Makerfield, Ashton-under-Lyne, Aston Manor, Barnsley, Batley, Battersea, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bootle, Bournemouth, Brighton, Bristol, Bury, Cambridge, Cambridge University Library, Cardiff, Chorley, Colchester, Croydon, Doncaster, Dundee, Fulham, Gloucester, Great Yarmouth, Haslingden, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Kettering, Kilburn, Kingston-upon-Thames, Leeds, Leicester, Leigh, Newton-in-Makerfield, Norwich, Nottingham, Paisley, Perth, Preston, Rawtenstall, Richmond, Runcorn, Salford, Shoreditch, St. Annes-on-Sea, St. Louis, U.S.A., Stockport, Toronto, (Canada), Twickenham, Walthamstow, Warrington, Waterloo-with-Seaforth, West Bromwich, Widnes, Willesden, Workington.
Mort, Miss. 6 Volumes.
Mullen, Dr. J. W. 14 Volumes.
Paton, J. & J. 1 Volume.
Pollard, Sir G. H., M.P. 2 Volumes.
Rawson, Miss. 186 Volumes.
Registrar, University of Liverpool. 1 Volume.
Secretary, Christian Science Reading Room. 1 Volume.
Secretary, Education Committee. 1 Volume.
Secretary, Trinity College of Music. 1 Volume.
Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors. 1 Volume.
Stubbs' Publishing Co. 1 Volume.
Thomas, Miss. 57 Volumes.
Trustees, British Museum. 2 Volumes.

| Donations. | Newspapers and Periodicals. |
|---|---|
| Blackpool Corporation | Blackpool Gazette News, Blackpool Herald, and Blackpool Times. |
| Baines, Miss. | The Vote. |
| Catholic Federation, Eccles Branch | Federationist. |
| Cook, Messrs. T. & Sons. | Travellers' Gazette |
| Independent Labour Party. | Socialist Review. |
| Morris, Mrs. | Votes for Women. |
| Potts, Miss S. | Common Cause. |
| Pritchard, Mr. H. L. | Autocar, Irish Cyclist, Motor-car Journal, Motor News, and Motoring Illustrated. |
| The Secretary to the Eccles Co-operative Society's Education Committee. | The Co-operative News. |
| Social Democratic Federation. | Justice. |

**The Publishers of the following Papers—**

Agricultural Economist.
Alliance News.
Animal's Friend.
Arbitrator.
Art Needlework.
Bournemouth Visitors Directory.
British Architect.
British Columbia Magazine.
British Journal of Photography.
Canadian Mail.
Catholic Herald.
Child's Companion.
Christian.
Christian Science Sentinel.
Church Missionary Gleaner.
Civil Service Gazette.
Civil Service Hints.
Clarion.
Clark's Weekly.
Colliery Guardian.
Concord.
Conservative and Unionist.
Contractors' Record.
Decorator.
Education.
English Churchman.
Free Trader.
Great Western Railway Magazine.
Harvest.
Herald of Health.
Incorporated Accountants' Journal.
India.
Investors' Summary.
Insurance Agents' Journal
Liberal Monthly.
Literary Guide.
Local Government Chronicle.
Local Government Journal.
L.G.O., The Surveying and Housing World.
Model Engineer.
Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform.
Musical Herald.
Nation in Arms.
National Church.
National Temperance Quarterly.
Patents Illustrated Official Journal.
Patents.
Photography and Focus.
Positivist Review.
Practical Engineer.
School Guardian.
Textile Mercury.
Textile Recorder.
Vegetarian Messenger.
Zoophilist.

# TABLE I.—LENDING DEPARTMENTS.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1911 Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | K Fiction. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 141 | 142 | 111 | 93 | 122 | 210 | 154 | 108 | 125 | 3335 | 123 | 4664 | 19 | 246 |
| May | 161 | 172 | 132 | 105 | 135 | 239 | 167 | 111 | 133 | 3421 | 117 | 4893 | 23 | 213 |
| June | 134 | 116 | 140 | 93 | 116 | 177 | 133 | 105 | 108 | 2952 | 119 | 4193 | 18 | 233 |
| July | 126 | 143 | 138 | 113 | 151 | 217 | 152 | 102 | 138 | 3078 | 121 | 4479 | 22 | 204 |
| August | 139 | 133 | 127 | 129 | 146 | 212 | 153 | 115 | 143 | 3135 | 136 | 4568 | 21 | 218 |
| September | 161 | 169 | 158 | 134 | 140 | 194 | 161 | 121 | 128 | 3420 | 121 | 4907 | 22 | 223 |
| October | 223 | 218 | 210 | 207 | 215 | 276 | 229 | 170 | 197 | 3669 | 172 | 5786 | 22 | 263 |
| November | 195 | 170 | 192 | 167 | 171 | 252 | 221 | 162 | 177 | 3744 | 151 | 5602 | 21 | 267 |
| December | 176 | 182 | 199 | 168 | 222 | 255 | 227 | 169 | 164 | 3699 | 136 | 5597 | 20 | 280 |
| 1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 175 | 197 | 203 | 182 | 196 | 276 | 256 | 169 | 155 | 4180 | 133 | 6122 | 22 | 278 |
| February | 156 | 183 | 171 | 145 | 164 | 246 | 244 | 153 | 134 | 3939 | 131 | 5666 | 20 | 283 |
| March | 205 | 192 | 222 | 198 | 204 | 308 | 287 | 194 | 176 | 4480 | 175 | 6641 | 22 | 302 |
| Total | 1992 | 2017 | 2003 | 1734 | 1982 | 2862 | 2384 | 1679 | 1778 | 43052 | 1635 | 63118 | 252 | 250 |
| Total issue last year | 1942 | 1909 | 2000 | 1581 | 1722 | 2871 | 2264 | 1568 | 1700 | 44595 | 1569 | 63721 | 254 | 251 |

Thursday 3 hours, Saturday 7 hours counted as one day.

## TABLE II.—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total No. of Vols. issued and daily average.

| 1911. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Days Open. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 82 | 101 | 78 | 92 | 87 | 90 | 89 | 53 | 57 | 1854 | 2583 | 22 | 117 |
| May | 119 | 132 | 147 | 127 | 110 | 116 | 100 | 75 | 56 | 2228 | 3210 | 27 | 119 |
| June | 88 | 83 | 91 | 97 | 72 | 76 | 88 | 69 | 52 | 1787 | 2503 | 21 | 119 |
| July | 54 | 46 | 52 | 57 | 60 | 53 | 60 | 59 | 42 | 1817 | 2300 | 26 | 89 |
| August | 74 | 63 | 56 | 40 | 43 | 52 | 58 | 57 | 50 | 2236 | 2729 | 26 | 105 |
| September | 66 | 95 | 63 | 57 | 73 | 79 | 82 | 83 | 74 | 2125 | 2797 | 26 | 108 |
| October | 44 | 68 | 76 | 68 | 110 | 157 | 129 | 161 | 43 | 2104 | 2960 | 26 | 114 |
| November | 63 | 66 | 50 | 68 | 58 | 119 | 96 | 97 | 50 | 1857 | 2524 | 26 | 97 |
| December | 98 | 84 | 38 | 83 | 112 | 220 | 87 | 246 | 34 | 1790 | 2792 | 25 | 112 |
| 1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 78 | 102 | 52 | 82 | 96 | 182 | 62 | 235 | 44 | 1560 | 2493 | 27 | 92 |
| February | 47 | 56 | 63 | 213 | 72 | 122 | 79 | 170 | 44 | 1575 | 2441 | 25 | 98 |
| March | 37 | 102 | 45 | 100 | 64 | 141 | 38 | 322 | 31 | 1555 | 2435 | 26 | 94 |
| Total | 850 | 998 | 811 | 1084 | 957 | 1407 | 968 | 1627 | 577 | 22488 | 31767 | 303 | 105 |
| Total issue last year | 994 | 1006 | 997 | 1090 | 1258 | 1479 | 1341 | 1212 | 1035 | 26239 | 36651 | 305 | 120 |

## TABLE III.—ISSUES of LENDING and REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS Combined.

Monthly Issue in each Class. No. of days the Library was open. Total Volumes issued and daily average.

| 1911. Month. | A Sciences. | B Useful Arts. | C Fine and Recreative Arts. | D Social and Political Science. | E Philosophy and Religion. | F History and Geography. | G Biography & Correspondence. | H Language and Literature. | J Poetry and the Drama. | K Ficton. | L Miscellaneous. | Total Vols. issued. | Daily Average. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| April | 223 | 243 | 189 | 185 | 209 | 300 | 243 | 161 | 182 | 3335 | 1977 | 7247 | 363 |
| May | 280 | 304 | 279 | 232 | 245 | 355 | 267 | 186 | 189 | 3421 | 2345 | 8103 | 332 |
| June | 222 | 199 | 231 | 190 | 188 | 253 | 221 | 174 | 160 | 2952 | 1906 | 6696 | 352 |
| July | 180 | 189 | 190 | 170 | 211 | 270 | 212 | 161 | 180 | 3078 | 1938 | 6779 | 293 |
| August | 213 | 196 | 183 | 169 | 189 | 264 | 211 | 172 | 193 | 3135 | 2372 | 7297 | 323 |
| September | 227 | 264 | 221 | 191 | 213 | 273 | 243 | 204 | 202 | 3420 | 2246 | 7704 | 331 |
| October | 267 | 286 | 286 | 275 | 325 | 433 | 358 | 331 | 240 | 3669 | 2276 | 8746 | 377 |
| November | 258 | 236 | 242 | 235 | 229 | 371 | 317 | 259 | 227 | 3744 | 2008 | 8126 | 364 |
| December | 274 | 266 | 237 | 251 | 334 | 475 | 314 | 415 | 198 | 3699 | 1926 | 8389 | 392 |
| 1912 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| January | 253 | 299 | 255 | 264 | 292 | 458 | 318 | 404 | 199 | 4180 | 1693 | 8615 | 372 |
| February | 203 | 239 | 234 | 358 | 236 | 368 | 323 | 323 | 178 | 3939 | 1706 | 8107 | 381 |
| March | 242 | 294 | 267 | 298 | 268 | 449 | 325 | 516 | 207 | 4480 | 1730 | 9076 | 349 |
| Total | 2842 | 3015 | 2814 | 2818 | 2939 | 4269 | 3352 | 3306 | 2255 | 43052 | 24123 | 94885 | 355 |
| Total issue last year | 2936 | 2915 | 2997 | 2671 | 2980 | 4350 | 3605 | 2780 | 2735 | 44595 | 27808 | 100372 | 371 |

## TABLE IV.

### Table shewing Class Issues and Percentages.

| Class. | No. of Vols. issued. Lending Departments. | Percent-age. | No. of Vols. issued. Reference Department. | Percent-age. | Total No. of Vols. issued. | Percentage of issue to the whole. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | 1992 | 3·15 | 850 | 2·67 | 2842 | 2·99 |
| B | 2017 | 3·19 | 998 | 3·14 | 3015 | 3·17 |
| C | 2003 | 3·17 | 811 | 2·55 | 2814 | 2·97 |
| D | 1734 | 2·74 | 1084 | 3·41 | 2818 | 2·98 |
| E | 1982 | 3·14 | 957 | 3·01 | 2939 | 3·09 |
| F | 2862 | 4·53 | 1407 | 4·42 | 4269 | 4·49 |
| G | 2384 | 3·77 | 968 | 3·04 | 3352 | 3·53 |
| H | 1679 | 2·66 | 1627 | 5·12 | 3306 | 3·48 |
| J | 1778 | 2·81 | 577 | 1·81 | 2255 | 2·37 |
| K | 43052 | 68·20 | ... | ... | 43052 | 45·37 |
| L | 1635 | 2·59 | 22488 | 70·78 | 24123 | 25·42 |
| | 63118 | | 31767 | | 94885 | |

## TABLE V.

### Showing the progress of the work of the Library.

| Year ending 31st March. | No. of Volumes in stock. | Issues. | | | Reading Rooms.* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Lending Library. | Reference Library. | Total. | |
| 1906 | 2436 | 11690 | 3145 | 14835 | 152192 |
| 1907 | 3275 | 29828 | 14241 | 44069 | 242256 |
| 1908 | 4241 | 27960 | 15550 | 43510 | 316332 |
| 1909 | 5707 | 46796 | 29935 | 76731 | 462976 |
| 1910 | 6192 | 52852 | 27549 | 80401 | 466892 |
| 1911 | 6942 | 63721 | 36651 | 100372 | 600388 |
| 1912 | 8074 | 63118 | 31567 | 94685 | 691256 |
| | | 295965 | 158638 | 454603 | 2932292 |

* Estimated from hourly counts.

# TABLE VI.

## BORROWERS' OCCUPATIONS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Accountants | 15 |
| Agents | 29 |
| Analysts | 2 |
| Apprentices | 58 |
| Architects | 2 |
| Art masters | 3 |
| Art students | 7 |
| Articled clerk | 1 |
| Artists | 3 |
| Assurance agents | 3 |
| Auctioneer | 1 |
| Bakers | 12 |
| Bank clerks | 18 |
| ,, manager | 1 |
| Barbers | 7 |
| Blacksmiths | 3 |
| Bleachers | 8 |
| Boilermaker | 1 |
| Booking clerk | 1 |
| Book-keepers | 10 |
| Book salesman | 1 |
| Bootmakers | 4 |
| Borers | 12 |
| Box cutter | 1 |
| Brass finishers | 14 |
| ,, moulder | 1 |
| Bricklayers | 16 |
| Builders | 9 |
| Butchers | 13 |
| Buyers | 12 |
| Cabinet makers | 3 |
| Cab driver | 1 |
| Caretakers | 2 |
| Carters | 6 |
| Cashiers | 11 |
| Chartered accountants | 5 |
| Charwoman | 1 |
| Chauffeurs | 2 |
| Chemists | 8 |
| China dealer | 1 |
| Cigar importer | 1 |
| Cigarette maker | 1 |
| Cinematograph operator | 1 |
| Civil engineers | 5 |
| Clerks | 225 |
| Clerk in holy orders | 1 |
| Clothiers | 2 |
| Club stewards | 3 |
| Coachmen | 2 |
| Coal agents | 3 |
| Collectors | 13 |
| Commercial travellers | 31 |
| Compositors | 13 |
| Confectioners | 18 |
| Consulting engineer | 1 |
| Contractors | 14 |
| Cooper | 1 |
| Corn merchant | 1 |
| Correspondents | 3 |
| Costumier | 1 |
| Cotton manufacturers | 2 |
| ,, testers | 3 |
| Crane driver | 1 |
| Dairymen | 3 |
| Decorators | 10 |
| Dentists | 4 |
| Designers | 7 |
| Director | 1 |
| Dispenser of medicine | 1 |
| Divinity student | 1 |
| Domestic servants | 15 |
| Drapers | 17 |
| Draughtsmen | 18 |
| Drayman | 1 |
| Dressmakers | 14 |
| Drillers | 3 |
| Drysalters | 2 |
| Dyers | 7 |
| Electricians | 17 |
| Engineers | 51 |
| Engine drivers | 4 |
| Errand boys | 4 |
| Excise officer | 1 |
| Farmers | 6 |
| Fitters | 19 |
| Florist | 1 |
| Foremen | 13 |
| French polisher | 1 |
| Gardeners | 2 |
| Gas stoker | 1 |
| Gentlemen's outfitters | 3 |
| Glazier | 1 |
| Glycerine refiner | 1 |
| Governesses | 7 |
| Greengrocers | 2 |
| Grinder | 1 |
| Grocers | 18 |
| Hairdressers | 4 |
| Health officer | 1 |
| Hosier | 1 |
| Hospital attendants | 2 |
| House furnishers | 6 |
| Housekeepers | 49 |
| Hydraulic engineers | 11 |
| Insurance agents | 12 |
| ,, officials | 14 |
| Iron turners | 9 |
| Joiners | 9 |
| Journalists | 7 |
| Labourers | 12 |
| Ladies' outfitter | 1 |
| ,, maids | 2 |
| Lamplighter | 1 |
| Laundress | 1 |
| Leather cutter | 1 |
| Librarians | 4 |
| Linotype operators | 12 |
| Lithographic artists | 3 |
| Local govt. official | 1 |
| Locomotive firemen | 4 |
| Loom overlookers | 3 |
| Machine operators | 2 |
| Machinists | 6 |
| Makers-up | 4 |
| Manageresses | 2 |
| Managers | 10 |
| Mantle cutter | 1 |
| Mantle makers | 3 |
| Masons | 5 |
| Mechanics | 28 |
| Medical practitioner | 1 |
| ,, students | 4 |
| Merchants | 7 |
| Meter inspectors | 2 |
| Mill hands | 13 |
| Miller | 1 |
| Milliners | 14 |
| Ministers | 9 |
| Mixer | 1 |

## BORROWERS' OCCUPATIONS—*continued.*

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Motor mechanic ... | 1 | Railway servants ... | 13 | Surveyors ... | 8 |
| Moulders ... | 8 | Registration agent | 1 | Tailors ... | 17 |
| Music teachers ... | 6 | Restaurant keeper | 1 | Teachers ... | 124 |
| Musical directors ... | 2 | Rubber workers ... | 8 | Telegraphists ... | 7 |
| Musicians ... | 6 | Saddler ... | 1 | Telephone operators | 4 |
| Nurses ... | 11 | Salesmen ... | 26 | Tilers ... | 2 |
| Office boys ... | 16 | Saleswomen ... | 17 | Timekeepers ... | 2 |
| Oil merchant ... | 1 | Sanitary inspectors | 5 | Tin plate workers ... | 3 |
| Packers ... | 4 | Sawyer ... | 1 | Toolmakers ... | 2 |
| Painters ... | 8 | Scholars ... | 52 | Tramways official ... | 1 |
| Paper dealer ... | 1 | Schoolmasters ... | 11 | Transport worker ... | 1 |
| Pattern makers ... | 7 | Schoolmistresses ... | 6 | Tripe dressers ... | 3 |
| Pattern card makers | 2 | Secretaries ... | 9 | Typists ... | 30 |
| Pawnbrokers ... | 3 | Sewing mistresses ... | 2 | Tyremaker ... | 1 |
| Photographers ... | 5 | Shipping clerks .. | 5 | Vanman ... | 1 |
| Pianoforte tuner ... | 1 | ,, salesmen | 2 | Velvet cutter ... | 1 |
| Picture framers ... | 2 | Shop assistants ... | 34 | Vocalist ... | 1 |
| Piecer ... | 1 | Shopkeepers ... | 12 | Waitresses ... | 3 |
| Plasterers ... | 2 | Shorthand typists ... | 17 | Warehousemen ... | 9 |
| Plumbers ... | 5 | Silk twister ... | 1 | Watchmakers ... | 2 |
| Pointsman ... | 1 | Slate merchants ... | 2 | Weavers ... | 5 |
| Police constable ... | 1 | Soldiers ... | 2 | Wheelwright ... | 1 |
| ,, pensioner ... | 1 | Solicitors ... | 3 | Winders ... | 4 |
| Porter ... | 1 | Spinners ... | 7 | Window cleaners ... | 12 |
| Postal clerks ... | 10 | Sorters ... | 3 | Wine merchant ... | 1 |
| Postmen ... | 7 | Stamper ... | 1 | Wireman ... | 1 |
| Postmistresses ... | 3 | Stationers ... | 5 | Woodworkers ... | 3 |
| Poultry dealer ... | 1 | Stenographers ... | 2 | Persons giving no occupation ... | 696 |
| Priests ... | 2 | Stoker ... | 1 | | |
| Printers ... | 9 | Storekeepers ... | 4 | | |
| Publicans ... | 2 | Students ... | 74 | | |
| Pupil teachers ... | 20 | Surgeons ... | 3 | Total ... | 2620 |

## WARDS IN WHICH BORROWERS RESIDE.

| | |
|---|---|
| MONTON WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 677 |
| ECCLES WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 586 |
| IRWELL WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 329 |
| PATRICROFT WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 429 |
| BARTON WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 287 |
| WINTON WARD ... ... ... ... ... ... | 312 |
| | 2620 |

# TABLE VII.

## An Account and Classification of Receipts.

| Month. 1911 | Fines. | Borrowers' Cards. | Old Papers. | Post Cards for Reserving Books. | Damage to Books. Lost Books. | Subscriptions from persons residing outside the Borough. | Total Receipts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. | £ s. d. |
| April | 1 17 3 | 0 6 2 | ..... | 0 0 3 | ..... | ..... | 2 3 8 |
| May | 2 3 6 | 0 8 1 | 0 3 0 | 0 0 1 | ..... | ..... | 2 14 8 |
| June | 2 7 9 | 0 6 9 | 0 0 2 | 0 0 4 | ..... | ..... | 2 15 0 |
| July | 1 19 6 | 0 7 0 | ..... | 0 0 4 | 0 4 0 | 0 2 6 | 2 13 4 |
| August | 2 1 2 | 0 6 10 | ..... | 0 0 5 | ..... | 0 2 6 | 2 10 11 |
| September | 1 16 2 | 0 14 6 | ..... | 0 1 10 | 0 4 0 | ..... | 2 16 6 |
| October | 1 13 8 | 0 14 6 | ..... | 0 2 6 | ..... | ..... | 2 10 8 |
| November | 1 14 9 | 0 12 5 | 0 7 0 | 0 1 2 | 0 7 5 | ..... | 3 2 9 |
| December | 1 14 9 | 0 10 10 | 0 7 6 | 0 0 11 | ..... | ..... | 2 14 0 |
| 1912 | | | | | | | |
| January | 2 2 1 | 0 14 2 | 3 1 11 | 0 1 7 | ..... | ..... | 5 19 9 |
| February | 1 14 1 | 0 10 9 | 1 6 4 | 0 0 10 | ..... | ..... | 3 12 0 |
| March | 1 14 9 | 0 10 3 | 0 1 4 | 0 1 1 | 0 4 0 | ..... | 2 11 5 |
| Total | 22 19 5 | 6 2 3 | 5 7 3 | 0 11 4 | 0 19 5 | 0 5 0 | 36 4 8 |

# GENERAL SUMMARY.

## LENDING AND REFERENCE DEPARTMENTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Volumes presented ... ... ... ... | 374 |
| Volumes purchased ... ... ... ... | 832 |
| Volumes in stock... ... ... ... ... | 8074 |
| Total number of issues ... ... ... ... | 94885 |
| Total issue since July, 1905 ... ... ... | 454603 |
| Average daily issues ... ... ... ... | 355 |
| Number of borrowers on the register ... ... | 2620 |
| Overdue Books written for... ... ... .. | 1225 |

# GENERAL DATA.

| | |
|---|---|
| Population, 1911 ... ... ... ... | 42200 |
| Rateable value ... ... ... ... ... | £182288 |
| Income of Library from 1d. Rate... ... ... | £691 |
| Public Libraries Acts adopted ... ... ... | 1904 |
| News Room (Vestry Hall) Opened by Mr. Coun. E. Potts. | May 10th, 1905 |
| Lending Library (Vestry Hall) Opened ... | July 31st, 1905 |
| Laying of Foundation Stone of Carnegie Public Library by the Mayor (Mr. Alderman Schofield, J.P.) | Sept. 29th, 1906 |
| Adoption of Open Access decided upon ... | March 18th, 1907 |
| Carnegie Public Library Opened by Edward Potts, Esq., J.P. ... | October 19th, 1907 |
| First Lecture given ... ... ... | October, 1908 |
| Delivery Branches opened at Peel Green and Winton. | November 2nd, 1908 |

# THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS CAN BE SEEN IN THE READING ROOM.

## DAILY.

Daily Dispatch
„ Graphic
Liverpool Post
London Daily Chronicle
„ „ News
„ „ Telegraph (2 copies)
London Daily Times
Manchester Courier
„ Guardian (2 copies)
„ Evening Chronicle (3 copies)
„ „ News (3 copies)
Yorkshire Post

## WEEKLY.

*Alliance News
Aspirant
*Autocar
*Blackpool Gazette
* „ Herald
* „ Times
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
Boy's Own Paper
*British Architect
*British Journal of Photography
Building News
*Canadian Mail
*Catholic Herald
*Christian
*Christian Science Sentinel
Chums
*Civil Service Gazette
* „ „ Hints
*Clarion
*Clark's Weekly
*Colliery Guardian
*Common Cause
*Contractors' Record
*Co-operative News
Cotton Factory Times
Eccles Journal (2 copies)
„ Telegraph
*Education
Electrical Engineering
Electrical Review
Engineer
*English Churchman
English Mechanic
Exchange and Mart
Farm, Field and Fireside
Gardening
Gentlewoman
Graphic
Great Thoughts
Illustrated London News
*India
*Investors' Summary
*Irish Cyclist
*Justice
Labour Leader
„ News
Lady's Pictorial
Ladies Field
*Local Government Chronicle
* „ „ Journal
*L.G.O.
Madame
Manchester City News
*Model Engineer
*Motor Car Journal
* „ News
*Patents Illustrated Official Journal

## WEEKLY—*continued.*

Pendleton Reporter
*Photography and Focus
*Practical Engineer
Punch
Queen
*School Guardian
Sketch
Sphere
T.P's Weekly
*Textile Mercury
*The Vote
Tit-Bits
*Two Worlds
*Votes for Women
Work.

## MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist
*Animals' Friend
*Arbitrator
Band of Hope Review
*Beacon Light
*British Columbia Magazine
British Workman
Captain
Cassell's Magazine
*Catholic Federationist
*Child's Companion
* „ Guardian
Children's Friend
*Church Missionary Gleaner
*Common Cause
*Concord
*Conservative and Unionist
*Decorator
English Illustrated Magazine
*Free Trader
Girl's Own Paper
*Gt. Western Railway Magazine
*Harvest
*Herald of Health
*Herald of the Cross
*Incorporated Accountants' Journal
*Insurance Agent's Journal
Lady's World
*Liberal Monthly
*Literary Guide
London Magazine
*Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform
*Musical Herald
Musical Times
*Nation in Arms
*National Church
Our Own Magazine
Pall Mall Magazine
*Patents
*Peacemaker
Pearson's Magazine
*Port of Manchester Official Sailing List
*Positivist Review
Quiver
*Returns of the Deaths of Seamen
Royal Magazine
Scholar's Own Magazine
Strand Magazine
*Textile Recorder
*Travellers' Gazette
*Vegetarian Messenger
Wide World Magazine
Windsor Magazine
Woman at Home
*Zoophilist.

### QUARTERLY.

*Art Needlework
The Lord's Day

## IN THE REFERENCE ROOM.

### DIRECTORIES.

*Advertisers' A.B.C.
*Crockford's Clerical
Gore's Liverpool
Kelly's Cheshire
„ Lancashire
„ Post Office, London
„ Stationers, Printers, etc.
*Macdonald's English Directory
Medical Directory
Medical Register
*Paton's List of Schools
Post Office Guide
*Practical Advertising
Slater's Manchester, Salford and suburban

### RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

A.B.C. Railway Guide
Bradshaw 6d.
Caledonian
Cambrian
Cheshire Lines
Dublin and South Eastern
Glasgow and South Western
Great Central
Great Northern
Great Western
Lancashire and Yorkshire
London, Brighton and South Coast
London and North Western
Midland
Port of Manchester Official Sailing List
S.E. and Chatham Railway

### PERIODICALS.

#### WEEKLY.

Athenaeum
Nation
Spectator
Truth

#### MONTHLY.

Bookman
Chamber's Journal
Contemporary Review
Knowledge
Literary World
Nineteenth Century
Review of Reviews
*Socialist Review.

#### QUARTERLY.

National Temperance Quarterly.

* Presented.

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